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HOUSE DRH50276-LN-111 (3/9)

Short Title: Provider Credentialing/Insurers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stewart.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE CREDENTIALING OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
3 UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 58-3-230 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 58-3-230. Uniform provider credentialing.

7 (a) An insurer that provides a health benefit plan and that credentials providers for its
8 networks shall maintain a process to assess and verify the qualifications of a licensed health
9 care practitioner within 60 days of receipt of a completed provider credentialing application
10 form approved by the Commissioner. If the insurer has not completed the provider
11 credentialing application form within 60 days of receipt of the form, then the insurer shall issue
12 a temporary credential to the applicant if the applicant has a valid North Carolina professional
13 or occupational license to provide the health care services to which the credential would apply.
14 The temporary credential shall remain in effect until the provider's credentialing application is
15 approved or denied by the insurer. When a health care practitioner joins a practice that is under
16 contract with an insurer to participate in a health benefit plan, the effective date of the health
17 care practitioner's participation in the health benefit plan network shall be the date the insurer
18 approves the practitioner's credentialing application.

19 (b) The Commissioner shall by rule adopt a uniform provider credentialing application
20 form that will provide health benefit plans with the information necessary to adequately assess
21 and verify the qualifications of an applicant. The Commissioner may update the uniform
22 provider credentialing application form, as necessary. No insurer that provides a health benefit
23 plan may require an applicant to submit information that is not required by the uniform
24 provider credentialing application form.

25 (c) As used in this section, the terms "health benefit plan" and "insurer" shall have the
26 meaning provided under G.S. 58-3-167."

27 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

