

~~(IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR~~

~~(V) ANY PERSON ACTING AS A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR.~~

~~(3) "CRITERIA" MEANS A SYSTEM, PLAN, METHODOLOGY, PROVIDER PROFILE, OR STANDARD USED BY A CARRIER TO SELECT OR DENY PROVIDERS THAT HAVE APPLIED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.~~

~~(4) "ENROLLEE" MEANS ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FROM A CARRIER.~~

~~(5) "PARTICIPATING PROVIDER" MEANS ANY PROVIDER THAT HAS ENTERED INTO A WRITTEN PROVIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH A CARRIER TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE CARRIER'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.~~

~~(6) (I) "PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.~~

~~(II) "PROVIDER" INCLUDES A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, PHARMACY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PROFESSIONAL OFFICE, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PROVIDE OR DELIVER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH OR ON BEHALF OF A PROVIDER.~~

~~(7) "PROVIDER PANEL" MEANS A GROUP OF PROVIDERS THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO A WRITTEN PROVIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH A CARRIER TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE CARRIER'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.~~

~~(B) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ENROLLEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 657 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(C) (1) A CARRIER THAT USES A PROVIDER PANEL SHALL:~~

~~(I) ESTABLISH REASONABLE CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL;~~

~~(II) ESTABLISH REASONABLE PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL;~~

~~(III) REVIEW APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO PROVIDERS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP OR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP ON A CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(IV) MAINTAIN THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES AT A LOCATION IN THE STATE AND MAKE THE CRITERIA AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.~~

~~(2) (I) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR:~~

~~1. THE FILING OF CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES WITH THE STATE; AND~~