

2. ~~THEIR INSPECTION AND REVIEW BY THE PUBLIC.~~

~~(H) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE UPDATING AND FILING OF ALL AMENDMENTS TO EACH CARRIER'S CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES.~~

~~(D) (1) A CARRIER THAT USES A PROVIDER PANEL SHALL PROVIDE THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION TO ANY PROVIDER REQUESTING AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON A CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.~~

~~(2) AFTER REVIEW BY A CARRIER OF AN APPLICATION:~~

~~(I) THE CARRIER MAY:~~

~~1. ACCEPT THE PROVIDER AS A MEMBER OF ITS PROVIDER PANEL; OR~~

~~2. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, REJECT THE PROVIDER AS A MEMBER OF THE PROVIDER PANEL; AND~~

~~(II) IF THE APPLICATION IS REJECTED, THE CARRIER SHALL INFORM THE PROVIDER IN WRITING OF THE CRITERIA ON WHICH THE REJECTION WAS BASED AND THE SPECIFIC FACTUAL BASIS FOR ITS REJECTION.~~

~~(3) (I) A CARRIER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE ACCEPTANCE OR DENIAL OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION.~~

~~(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CARRIER SHALL HOLD CONFIDENTIAL ALL NOTICES OF DENIAL AND THE CRITERIA APPLIED IN REJECTING AN APPLICATION.~~

~~(III) THE FAILURE OF A CARRIER TO ACCEPT OR DENY AN APPLICATION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED AN ACCEPTANCE.~~

~~(4) A CARRIER MAY NOT DENY PARTICIPATION ON ITS PROVIDER PANEL ON THE BASIS OF GENDER, RACE, AGE, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY.~~

~~(5) A CARRIER MAY NOT RESTRICT OR TERMINATE A PROVIDER'S PARTICIPATION ON ITS PROVIDER PANEL SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF:~~

~~(I) THE TYPE OR NUMBER OF APPEALS FILED BY THE PROVIDER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 13 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

~~(II) ANY OTHER COMPLAINT OR GRIEVANCE, OR THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS OR GRIEVANCES, THE PROVIDER HAS FILED WITH THE CARRIER; OR~~

~~(III) THE DEGREE HELD BY THE PROVIDER.~~