

**Article 48A — Insurance Code**

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~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(2) "CARRIER" MEANS:~~

~~(i) AN INSURER;~~

~~(ii) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;~~

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

~~(iv) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY ACTING AS A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR.~~

~~(3) "CONTRACT" MEANS ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A PROVIDER AND A CARRIER FOR THE PROVIDER TO RENDER HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ENROLLEES OF THE CARRIER.~~

~~(4) "DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES" MEANS ANY MEDICAL OR SURGICAL SERVICE OR PROCEDURE THAT ALLOWS A PROVIDER TO IDENTIFY OR DIAGNOSE A HUMAN DISEASE OR DISORDER.~~

~~(5) "ENROLLEE" MEANS ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FROM A CARRIER.~~

~~(6) "HEALTH CARE SERVICES" MEANS A HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE PROCEDURE OR SERVICE RENDERED BY A PROVIDER THAT:~~

~~(i) PROVIDES TESTING, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT OF A HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION; OR~~

~~(ii) DISPENSES DRUGS, MEDICAL DEVICES, MEDICAL APPLIANCES, OR MEDICAL GOODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION.~~

~~(7) (i) "PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON OR ENTITY LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE OR THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.~~

~~(ii) "PROVIDER" INCLUDES:~~

~~1. A HEALTH CARE FACILITY;~~

~~2. PHARMACY;~~

~~3. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION;~~

~~4. PARTNERSHIP;~~

~~5. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;~~