

(V) ANY OTHER PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION.

(3) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER PROVIDER" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

~~(B) A CARRIER, AS A CONDITION OF A CONTRACT WITH A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, MAY NOT PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER FROM DISCUSSING OR COMMUNICATING TO AN ENROLLEE, SUBSCRIBER, OR OTHER PERSON INFORMATION THAT:~~

~~(1) IS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(2) RELATES TO TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER, REGARDLESS OF THE PROVISIONS OR LIMITATIONS OF THE ENROLLEE'S OR SUBSCRIBER'S COVERAGE UNDER THE CARRIER'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN;~~

~~(3) IS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR MAINTAINING THE PRACTITIONER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER, OR~~

~~(4) EXPRESSES OPINIONS REGARDING THE CARRIER OR THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE CARRIER.~~

~~(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A CARRIER, AS A CONDITION OF A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER, FROM PROHIBITING A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER FROM:~~

~~(1) DISCLOSING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CARRIER AND THE PRACTITIONER;~~

~~(2) COMMUNICATING OR ACTING IN A MANNER THAT WOULD TORTIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH EXISTING CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS TO WHICH THE CARRIER IS A PARTY; OR~~

~~(3) COMMUNICATING STATEMENTS OF FACT ABOUT THE CARRIER THAT ARE FALSE, THAT THE PRACTITIONER KNOWS TO BE FALSE, AND THAT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE CARRIER.~~

~~(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER FROM PROVIDING TO OR DISCUSSING WITH AN ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION ABOUT THE RIGHT TO APPEAL OF THE ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS OF THE CARRIER WITH WHICH THE PRACTITIONER OR THE ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER DO NOT AGREE.~~

(B) A CARRIER, AS A CONDITION OF A CONTRACT WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, MAY NOT PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FROM DISCUSSING OR COMMUNICATING INFORMATION TO AN