

(II) "CARRIER" INCLUDES AN ENTITY THAT ARRANGES A PROVIDER PANEL FOR A CARRIER.

(3) "CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY" MEANS A PERSON TO WHOM A CARRIER HAS DELEGATED CREDENTIALING OR RECREDENTIALING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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

(5) "PROVIDER PANEL" MEANS THE PROVIDERS THAT CONTRACT WITH A CARRIER TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE ENROLLEES UNDER A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OF THE CARRIER.

(6) "UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM" MEANS THE FORM DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER THROUGH REGULATION FOR USE BY A CARRIER OR ITS CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY FOR CREDENTIALING AND RECREDENTIALING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION ON A PROVIDER PANEL.

(B) (1) A CARRIER OR ITS CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY SHALL ACCEPT THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM AS THE SOLE APPLICATION FOR A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO BECOME CREDENTIALLED OR RECREDENTIALLED FOR A PROVIDER PANEL OF THE CARRIER.

(2) A CARRIER OR ITS CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY SHALL MAKE THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM AVAILABLE TO ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT IS TO BE CREDENTIALLED OR RECREDENTIALLED BY THAT CARRIER OR CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 AGAINST ANY CARRIER ~~OR ITS CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY~~ FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION BY THE CARRIER OR ITS CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IN ADOPTING THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT FOR THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM AND THE FILING OF THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

~~(a) There is a Task Force to Develop a Uniform Credentialing Form consisting of 15 members.~~

~~(b) The membership of the Task Force consists of:~~

~~(1) three representatives from the Medical Group Management Association;~~