

~~(3)~~ (5) If requested by the Department, a hospital shall provide documentation that, prior to employing or granting privileges to a physician, the hospital has complied with the requirements of this subsection and that, prior to renewing employment or privileges, the hospital has complied with the requirements of this subsection.

~~(4)~~ (6) If a hospital fails to establish or maintain a ~~credentialing~~ CREDENTIALING process required under this subsection, the Secretary may impose the following penalties:

- (i) Delicensure of the hospital; or
- (ii) \$500 per day for each day the violation continues.

### **Article — Insurance**

~~15-112.1.~~

~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(2) (i) "Carrier" means:~~

- ~~1. an insurer;~~
- ~~2. a nonprofit health service plan;~~
- ~~3. a health maintenance organization;~~
- ~~4. a dental plan organization; [or]~~

~~5. A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN § 15-101(F) OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

~~6. A MANAGED CARE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN § 15-127(A)(6) OF THIS TITLE, OR~~

~~[5.] 7. any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.~~

~~(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 FACILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN § 19-114 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

~~[(4)](5) "Health care provider" means an individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care services OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.~~

~~[(5)](6) "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.~~