

Association, the University of Maryland Medical System, the Johns Hopkins University Hospital Health System, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, the Medical Group Management Association, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, and other affected parties in developing a uniform standard credentialing form, for purposes of § 19-319(e) of the Health - General Article as enacted by this Act, that is to be used for the uniform and consistent collection of the basic information required by all hospitals as part of the credentialing process.

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in conjunction with the process of developing a uniform standard credentialing form under Section 3 of this Act, the Secretary shall examine methods to address delays in carrier processing of physicians' initial applications for credentialing.~~

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

~~SECTION 4-6. 5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 5 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 190

(Senate Bill 820)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Managed Care Organizations - Credentialing

FOR the purpose of authorizing a managed care organization to deem a health care provider credentialed for a certain period of time under certain circumstances and upon certain verification; prohibiting a certain entity from refusing to ~~provide~~ verify certain information ~~to~~ for a managed care organization; providing that this Act does not relieve a managed care organization of certain obligations; and generally relating to the credentialing of a health care provider by a managed care organization.

BY adding to

- Article - Health - General
- Section 15-103.4
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: