

Article - Health - General

15-103.4.

(A) A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION MAY DEEM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALLED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION IF:

(1) THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

(I) HAS BEEN CREDENTIALLED BY ANOTHER ENTITY IN THE STATE THAT IS REQUIRED TO CREDENTIAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; AND

(II) HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND

(2) THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION VERIFIES THAT THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WAS CREDENTIALLED AND REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING WITH AT LEAST ONE ENTITY THAT CREDENTIALLED THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

(B) AN ENTITY THAT HAS CREDENTIALLED A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT REFUSE ~~TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO A REQUEST BY A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION THAT SEEKS VERIFICATION OF THE CREDENTIALLED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO VERIFY THAT THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IS CREDENTIALLED AND IN GOOD STANDING.~~

(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO RELIEVE THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION FROM FULLY CREDENTIALING ITS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 191

(Senate Bill 844)

AN ACT concerning

State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - ~~Employees of Qualifying Not for Profit Organizations~~ Employees of Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "qualifying not-for-profit organization" to include ~~a certain~~ the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., thereby authorizing that organizations that receive State funds from the Department of Human Resources and to alter the amount of the organizations' operating expenses that must be covered by State funds for employees of the organizations to be eligible to enroll and organization to participate in the State Employee and Retiree