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SYNOPSIS

Requires automatic issuance of credential to provide services in carrier provider network for physicians in good standing in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning physicians in carriers' provider networks and
2 amending P.L.2001, c.88.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2001, c.88 (C.26:2S-7.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. **【**Within 180 days of the adoption of the forms by regulation
10 pursuant to this act, a**】** A carrier which offers a managed care plan
11 shall accept the universal physician application for participation
12 form and renewal form adopted pursuant to **【**this act**】** P.L.2001,
13 c.88 (C.26:2S-7.1 et seq.) for the purpose of credentialing
14 physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network
15 and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed
16 by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to participate
17 in the carrier's provider network. An application received for the
18 purposes of credentialing a physician pursuant to this section, or to
19 renew a credential, shall be deemed approved if the information
20 included as part of the application demonstrates the license of the
21 physician as issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners is in
22 good standing.

23 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier
24 from requesting additional information from an applicant that is not
25 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as
26 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any
27 information included in the applicable form.

28 (cf: P.L.2001, c.88, s.2)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable
31 to applications for credentialing received on or after the effective
32 date.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.