

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2199

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1575, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the credentialing of health care practitioners by health carriers.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 376.1575, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1575, to read as follows:

376.1575. As used in sections 376.1575 to 376.1580, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Completed application", a practitioner's application to a health carrier that seeks the health carrier's authorization for the practitioner to provide patient care services as a member of the health carrier's network and does not omit any information which is clearly required by the application form and the accompanying instructions;

(2) "Credentialing", a health carrier's process of assessing and validating the qualifications of a practitioner to provide patient care services and act as a member of the health carrier's provider network;

(3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350. **The term "health carrier" shall also include any entity described in subdivision (4) of section 354.700;**

(4) "Practitioner":

(a) A physician or physician assistant eligible to provide treatment services under chapter 334;

(b) A pharmacist eligible to provide services under chapter 338;

(c) A dentist eligible to provide services under chapter 332;

(d) A chiropractor eligible to provide services under chapter 331;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18 (e) An optometrist eligible to provide services under chapter 336;
- 19 (f) A podiatrist eligible to provide services under chapter 330;
- 20 (g) A psychologist or licensed clinical social worker eligible to provide services
- 21 under chapter 337; or
- 22 (h) An advanced practice nurse eligible to provide services under chapter 335.

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