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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1578, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the credentialing of health care practitioners by health carriers.

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

Section A. Section 376.1578, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1578, to read as follows:

376.1578. 1. Within two working days after receipt of a faxed or mailed
2 completed application, the health carrier shall send a notice of receipt to the
3 practitioner. A health carrier shall provide access to a provider web portal that
4 allows the practitioner to receive notice of the status of an electronically
5 submitted application.

6 2. A health carrier shall assess a health care practitioner's credentialing
7 information and make a decision as to whether to approve or deny the
8 practitioner's credentialing application within sixty business days of the date of
9 receipt of the completed application. The sixty-day deadline established in this
10 section shall not apply if the application or subsequent verification of information
11 indicates that the practitioner has:

12 (1) A history of behavioral disorders or other impairments affecting the
13 practitioner's ability to practice, including but not limited to substance abuse;

14 (2) Licensure disciplinary actions against the practitioner's license to
15 practice imposed by any state or territory or foreign jurisdiction;

16 (3) Had the practitioner's hospital admitting or surgical privileges or other
17 organizational credentials or authority to practice revoked, restricted, or
18 suspended based on the practitioner's clinical performance; or

19 (4) A judgment or judicial award against the practitioner arising from a
20 medical malpractice liability lawsuit.

21 3. **Once a practitioner has been credentialed or re-credentialed**
22 **with a health carrier, the health carrier shall provide retroactive**
23 **payments for any covered services performed by the practitioner**
24 **during the application period, which begins when the health carrier**
25 **has received a completed application for credentialing.**

26 4. The department of commerce and insurance shall establish a
27 mechanism for reporting alleged violations of this section to the department.

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