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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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.

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Section A. Section 376.1575, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1575, to read as follows: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 under
- 21 chapter 337; or
- 22 (h) An advanced practice nurse eligible to provide services under chapter 335.

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