

Amendment to HB 725-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to certain standards for managed care organizations.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 New Subparagraphs; Medicaid Managed Care; Standards for Managed Care Organizations.
8 Amend RSA 126-A:5, XIX by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraphs:

9 (j)(1) Managed care organizations shall process credentialing applications from all types
10 of providers within the following prescribed time frames:

11 (A) For primary care physicians, within 30 calendar days of receipt of clean and
12 complete credentialing applications.

13 (B) For specialty care providers, within 45 calendar days of receipt of clean and
14 complete credentialing applications.

15 (2) For the purposes of subparagraph (1), the start time begins when the managed
16 care organization has received a provider's clean and complete application, and ends on the date of
17 the provider's written notice of network status.

18 (3) For the purposes of this subparagraph, a "clean and complete" application is a
19 claim that is signed and appropriately dated by the provider, and includes:

20 (A) Evidence of the provider's New Hampshire Medicaid identification; and

21 (B) Other applicable information to support the provider application, including
22 provider explanations related to quality and clinical competence satisfactory to the managed care
23 organization.

24 (4) If the managed care organization does not process a provider's credentialing
25 application within the time frames set forth in this subparagraph, the managed care organization
26 shall pay the provider retroactive to 30 calendar days or 45 calendar days after receipt of the
27 provider's clean and complete application, depending on the prescribed time frame for the
28 appropriate provider.

29 (5) Nothing in this subparagraph shall preclude the commissioner from
30 administering the applicable contract requirements with the managed care organization as
31 necessary to allow for exceptions to credentialing standards under this subparagraph.

32 (k)(1) For the purposes of this subparagraph regarding claims quality assurance

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1 standards, the commissioner shall adopt the claims definitions established by the Centers for
2 Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Medicaid program which are as follows:

3 (A) "Clean claim" means a claim that does not have any defect, impropriety, lack
4 of any required substantiating documentation, or particular circumstance requiring special
5 treatment that prevents timely payment.

6 (B) "Incomplete claim" means a claim that is denied for the purpose of obtaining
7 additional information from the provider. The managed care organization shall pay or deny 95
8 percent of clean claims within 30 days of receipt, or receipt of additional information. The managed
9 care organization shall pay 99 percent of clean claims within 90 days of receipt.

10 (2) Nothing in this subparagraph shall preclude the commissioner from
11 administering the applicable contract requirements with the managed care organization as
12 necessary to allow for exceptions to claims quality assurance standards under this subparagraph.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes certain credentialing standards and claims quality assurance standards for managed care organizations for the purposes of the Medicaid program.