

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 347

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KIRKTON (Sponsor), TILLEY, ZIMMERMAN, ELLINGER,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the prompt credentialing act.

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

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 376.415, to read as follows:

3 **376.415. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Prompt**  
4 **Credentialing Act".**

5 **2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

6 **(1) "Completed application", an application that has been submitted on a uniform**  
7 **credentialing form that does not omit any required information;**

8 **(2) "Credentialing", the process of assessing and validating the qualifications of a**  
9 **health care professional to provide patient care services. The determination is based on**  
10 **an evaluation of the individual's current license, training or experience, current**  
11 **competence, and ability to perform the privileges requested;**

12 **(3) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is defined in section**  
13 **376.1350;**

14 **(4) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350.**

15 **3. Every health carrier that credentials health care professionals in a health benefit**  
**plan shall request credentialing information in a uniform format that includes data**  
**commonly requested by health carriers for the purpose of credentialing.**

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.

16           **4. Every health carrier shall complete the process of verifying a health care**  
17 **professional's credentialing information and make a final determination to credential the**  
18 **health care professional within sixty calendar days of receipt of a complete application.**

19           **5. Immediately after a health care professional becomes credentialed, every health**  
20 **carrier shall retroactively compensate health care professionals for services rendered from**  
21 **the date of his or her application.**

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