

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 63 (HB 257)

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New law changes prior law authorizing health insurance issuers to require healthcare providers to be credentialed, as follows:

- (1) Changes the definition of a "health care provider" to specifically include a dentist licensed to practice dentistry by the La. State Board of Dentistry.
- (2) Changes the definition of a "health insurance issuer" to specifically include a dental benefit plan, including an entity defined as a dental service contractor in existing law.
- (3) Provides that a provider who has been credentialed by a health insurance issuer for any location in the state and is current on all credentialing at that location shall be considered credentialed for all locations at which that provider may legally practice medicine or dentistry, provided that each of the following conditions are met:
  - (a) Not less than 30 days prior to the time at which the provider begins practicing at any additional location, another provider who is current on all credentialing with that issuer legally practiced there.
  - (b) The provider gives the issuer written notice of any additional location of practice beyond his primary practice location and any additional practice location originally noted on the provider's initial credentialing application form. Allows the issuer to require that such notice include such additional information as may be reasonably necessary in order to process claims filed by the provider from the additional location. Makes the credentialing of the provider for any additional location effective immediately upon the receipt by the issuer of such written notice from the provider.
- (4) Provides that, pursuant to new law, there shall be no other requirements placed upon the provider in order to be credentialed by an issuer for any additional practice location.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 5, 2015).

(Amends R.S. 22:1009(A)(intro. para.), (5), and (7); Adds R.S. 22:1009(B)(5) and (6))