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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

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

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 known as section 376.415, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

4. Every health carrier shall complete the process of verifying a health care professional's credentialing information and make a final

22 **determination to credential the health care professional within sixty**
23 **calendar days of receipt of a complete application.**

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

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