

Amend CSSB 5, at page 92, between lines 45 and 46, Section 1305.106 by adding the following subsets:

(b)(2)(A) A health care provider whom is denied access to a network can appeal that denial to the TDWC and is entitled to a BCCH under Sec. 410.151-410.209.

(B) The TDWC shall use the following criteria in determining whether the health care provider should be allowed into the network:

(i) geographic accessibility; is there a need for more specialists in this area;

(ii) other providers of same speciality already within the network;

(iii) providers willingness to meet outcome based and evidence based standards;

(iv) providers appropriately credentialed through verifying agencies such as CARF;

(v) providers license restricted or under probation from accrediting board of examiners;

(vi) Other criteria the commissioner feels appropriate but should ensure fairness to doctors of ALL specialties.