

AN ACT

relating to requirements for expedited credentialing of certain physicians by managed care plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1452.101(5), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Medical group" means:

(A) a single legal entity owned by two or more physicians;

(B) a professional association composed of licensed physicians; [corporation] or

(C) any other business entity composed of licensed physicians as permitted under Subchapter B, Chapter 162, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to credentialing of a physician under a contract entered into or renewed by a medical group and an issuer of a managed care plan on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 389 was passed by the House on April 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 389 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor