

1-1 By: Zerwas (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 389  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2009;  
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requirements for expedited credentialing of certain  
1-9 physicians by managed care plans.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 1452.101(5), Insurance Code, is amended  
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (5) "Medical group" means:

1-14 (A) a single legal entity owned by two or more  
1-15 physicians;

1-16 (B) a professional association composed of  
1-17 licensed physicians; ~~[corporation]~~ or

1-18 (C) any other business entity composed of  
1-19 licensed physicians as permitted under Subchapter B, Chapter 162,  
1-20 Occupations Code.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-22 to credentialing of a physician under a contract entered into or  
1-23 renewed by a medical group and an issuer of a managed care plan on or  
1-24 after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into or  
1-25 renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
1-26 in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in  
1-27 effect for that purpose.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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