

SENATE BILL No. 1071

January 31, 2008, Introduced by Senators BROWN, KAHN, PAPPAGEORGE, VAN WOERKOM and GEORGE and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 16285.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 16285. (1) BY NOT LATER THAN 9 MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
2 DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM,
3 STANDARD, ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALING
4 APPLICATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE CREDENTIALING
5 APPLICATION AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH
6 CARE CORPORATIONS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, AND HEALTH
7 FACILITIES AND AGENCIES AND SHALL MAKE THE APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON
8 ITS INTERNET WEBSITE. IN DEVELOPING THE CREDENTIALING APPLICATION
9 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH HEALTH CARE
10 PROFESSIONALS, HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH CARE CORPORATIONS, HEALTH

1 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, AND HEALTH FACILITIES AND AGENCIES AND
2 SHALL CONSIDER THEIR REASONABLE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
3 LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) STATUTORY CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

5 (B) THE NEED TO ELIMINATE MULTIPLE PROPRIETARY CREDENTIALING
6 APPLICATIONS.

7 (C) PROVIDING AN EFFICIENT, ELECTRONIC, COST-EFFECTIVE HEALTH
8 CARE PROFESSIONAL DATABASE THROUGH WHICH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
9 CAN PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN ADDRESS, PRACTICE-RELATED
10 INFORMATION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

11 (D) TIME FRAMES WITHIN WHICH ENTITIES REQUIRING CREDENTIALING
12 APPLICATIONS SHALL RESPOND TO APPLICATIONS FILED BY HEALTH CARE
13 PROFESSIONALS.

14 (E) MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CREDENTIALING
15 INFORMATION.

16 (F) THE NEED FOR A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TO CONTROL THE
17 DISTRIBUTION OF HIS OR HER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION.

18 (2) BY NOT LATER THAN 365 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
19 THIS SECTION, A HEALTH INSURER, HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, HEALTH
20 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY THAT
21 REQUIRES A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TO UNDERGO A CREDENTIALING OR
22 RECREREDENTIALING PROCESS, OR THE ENTITY'S CREDENTIALING
23 INTERMEDIARY, SHALL USE THE CREDENTIALING APPLICATION DEVELOPED
24 UNDER THIS SECTION, EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO
25 ANY CREDENTIALING OR RECREREDENTIALING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
26 SUBMITTED BEFORE OR ON THAT DATE.

27 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A HEALTH INSURER, HEALTH

1 CARE CORPORATION, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, HEALTH FACILITY
2 OR AGENCY, OR CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY FROM REQUESTING
3 INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT CONTAINED IN THE CREDENTIALING
4 APPLICATION SO LONG AS ANY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE
5 MADE IN WRITING OR ELECTRONICALLY AND USE A FORM FOR THE HEALTH
6 CARE PROFESSIONAL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST THAT IS SEPARATE FROM
7 THE CREDENTIALING APPLICATION FORM.

8 (4) A HEALTH INSURER, HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, HEALTH
9 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY, OR
10 CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY SHALL NOT CHARGE A HEALTH CARE
11 PROFESSIONAL A FEE FOR USE OR SUBMISSION OF THE CREDENTIALING
12 APPLICATION OR FOR COMPLETION OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
13 INFORMATION UNDER SUBSECTION (3).

14 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE STANDARD CREDENTIALING
15 APPLICATION NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 5 YEARS AND MAY MODIFY
16 THE CONTENTS AND FORMAT AS DETERMINED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

17 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY"
18 MEANS A PERSON TO WHICH A HEALTH INSURER, HEALTH CARE CORPORATION,
19 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY HAS
20 DELEGATED CREDENTIALING, RECRENDENTIALING, OR PRIMARY SOURCE
21 VERIFICATION PROCESS.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
23 unless Senate Bill No. 1072

24 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.