

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2349

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5 By: Representative Bond
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 23-99-411 TO DECREASE
10 THE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING
11 APPLICATIONS OF PROVIDERS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 PROCESSING APPLICATIONS OF PROVIDERS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411 is amended to read as follows:
23 23-99-411. Processing applications of providers.

24 (a)(1) Health care insurers shall establish mechanisms to ensure
25 timely processing of requests for participation or renewal by providers and
26 in making decisions that affect participation status. These mechanisms shall
27 include, at a minimum, provisions for the provider to receive a written
28 statement of reasons for the health care insurer's denial of a request for
29 initial participation or renewal.

30 (2) Health care insurers shall make a decision within ~~one~~
31 ~~hundred eighty (180)~~ sixty (60) days of submission of a completed application
32 for participation or a request for renewal.

33 (3)(A) Any health care insurer that has not made a decision
34 regarding a participating provider contract and notified the provider of the
35 provider's status within sixty (60) days after receipt of the completed
36 application shall reimburse the provider for services delivered to network



1 members beginning on the sixty-first day and continue to reimburse the
2 provider until such time as the health care insurer has concluded the process
3 and notified the provider that the provider will not be included in the
4 health care insurer's network.

5 (B) A provider that is ultimately included in the health
6 care insurer's network shall continue to be reimbursed as an in-network
7 provider until the participating provider contract is modified or terminated
8 at a future date.

9 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent a provider or a health care
10 insurer from terminating a participating provider contract in accordance with
11 its terms.