

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.

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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Bond
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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16 DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOWED FOR
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)~~ ninety (90) days of submission of a completed*
32 *application, as defined by rule of the Insurance Commissioner, for*
33 *participation or a request for renewal by a physician and within one hundred*
34 *eighty (180) days of a completed application for participation or a request*
35 *for renewal by any other medical provider.*

36 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent a provider or a health care



1 insurer from terminating a participating provider contract in accordance with
2 its terms.

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