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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2827

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2827 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Health Care Professional Credentials Data  
5 Collection Act is amended by changing Sections 5, 15, 20, 25,  
6 30, and 35 as follows:

7 (410 ILCS 517/5)

8 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 ~~"Council" means the Health Care Credentials Council.~~

10 "Credentials data" means those data, information, or  
11 answers to questions required by a health care entity, health  
12 care plan, or hospital to complete the credentialing or  
13 recredentialing of a health care professional.

14 "Credentialing" means the process of assessing and  
15 validating the qualifications of a health care professional.

16 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

1 "Director" means the Director of the Department of Public  
2 Health.

3 "Health care entity" means any of the following which  
4 require the submission of credentials data: (i) a health care  
5 facility or other health care organization licensed or  
6 certified to provide medical or health services in Illinois,  
7 other than a hospital; (ii) a health care professional  
8 partnership, corporation, limited liability company,  
9 professional services corporation or group practice; or (iii)  
10 an independent practice association or physician hospital  
11 organization. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to  
12 mean that a hospital is a health care entity.

13 "Health care plan" means any entity licensed by the  
14 Department of Insurance as a prepaid health care plan or  
15 health maintenance organization or as an insurer which  
16 requires the submission of credentials data.

17 "Health care professional" means any person licensed under  
18 the Medical Practice Act of 1987 or any person licensed under  
19 any other Act subsequently made subject to this Act by the  
20 Department.

21 "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under the Hospital  
22 Licensing Act or any hospital organized under the University  
23 of Illinois Hospital Act.

24 "Recredentialing" means the process by which a health care  
25 entity, health care plan or hospital ensures that a health  
26 care professional who is currently credentialed by the health

1 care entity, health care plan or hospital continues to meet  
2 the credentialing criteria used by the health care entity,  
3 health care plan, or hospital no more than once every 3 ~~2~~  
4 years.

5 "Single credentialing cycle" means a process whereby for  
6 purposes of recredentialing each health care professional's  
7 credentials data are collected by all health care entities and  
8 health care plans that credential the health care professional  
9 during the same time period and only once every 3 ~~2~~ years.

10 "Site survey" means a process by which a health care  
11 entity or health care plan assesses the office locations and  
12 medical record keeping practices of a health care  
13 professional.

14 "Single site survey" means a process by which, for  
15 purposes of recredentialing, each health care professional  
16 receives a site visit only once every two years.

17 "Uniform health care credentials form" means the form  
18 prescribed ~~developed~~ by the Department under Section 15 to  
19 collect the credentials data commonly requested by health care  
20 entities and health care plans for purposes of credentialing.

21 "Uniform health care recredentials form" means the form  
22 prescribed ~~developed~~ by the Department under Section 15 to  
23 collect the credentials data commonly requested by health care  
24 entities and health care plans for purposes of  
25 recredentialing.

26 "Uniform hospital credentials form" means the form

1 prescribed ~~developed~~ by the Department under Section 15 to  
2 collect the credentials data commonly requested by hospitals  
3 for purposes of credentialing.

4 "Uniform hospital recredentials form" means the form  
5 prescribed ~~developed~~ by the Department under Section 15 to  
6 collect the credentials data commonly requested by hospitals  
7 for purposes of recredentialing.

8 "Uniform site survey instrument" means the instrument  
9 developed by the Department under Section 25 to complete a  
10 single site survey as part of a credentialing or  
11 recredentialing process.

12 "Uniform updating form" means the ~~a~~ standardized form  
13 prescribed by the Department for reporting of corrections,  
14 updates, and modifications to credentials data to health care  
15 entities, health care plans, and hospitals when those data  
16 change following credentialing or recredentialing of a health  
17 care professional.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)

19 (410 ILCS 517/15)

20 Sec. 15. Development and use of uniform health care and  
21 hospital credentials forms.

22 (a) The Department, ~~in consultation with the council,~~  
23 shall by rule establish:

24 (1) a uniform health care credentials form that shall  
25 include the credentials data commonly requested by health

1 care entities and health care plans for purposes of  
2 credentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
3 collection of additional credentials data;

4 (2) a uniform health care recredentials form that  
5 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
6 health care entities and health care plans for purposes of  
7 recredentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
8 collection of additional credentials data;

9 (3) a uniform hospital credentials form that shall  
10 include the credentials data commonly requested by  
11 hospitals for purposes of credentialing and shall minimize  
12 the need for the collection of additional credentials  
13 data;

14 (4) a uniform hospital recredentials form that shall  
15 include the credentials data commonly requested by  
16 hospitals for purposes of recredentialing and shall  
17 minimize the need for collection of additional credentials  
18 data; and

19 (5) uniform updating forms.

20 The forms described in this subsection may be prescribed  
21 in a print format, electronic format, or both as provided by  
22 the Department.

23 (b) The uniform forms established by the Department under  
24 this Section ~~in subsection (a)~~ shall be coordinated to reduce  
25 the need to provide redundant information. Further, the forms  
26 shall be made available in both paper and electronic formats

1 upon request and in the format requested.

2 (c) The Department, ~~in consultation with the council,~~  
3 shall establish by rule a process for the submittal of forms in  
4 an a date after which an electronic format with required  
5 content for ~~may be required by~~ a health care entity, a health  
6 care plan, or a hospital, and a health care professional may  
7 require acceptance of forms in an electronic format by a  
8 health care entity, a health care plan, or a hospital.

9 (d) Beginning January 1, 2002, each health care entity or  
10 health care plan that employs, contracts with, or allows  
11 health care professionals to provide medical or health care  
12 services and requires health care professionals to be  
13 credentialed or recredentialed shall for purposes of  
14 collecting credentials data only require:

15 (1) the uniform health care credentials form;

16 (2) the uniform health care recredentials form;

17 (3) the uniform updating forms; ~~and~~

18 (4) any additional credentials data requested; ~~and.~~

19 (5) an online credential with required content as  
20 required by forms under this Section.

21 (e) Beginning January 1, 2002, each hospital that employs,  
22 contracts with, or allows health care professionals to provide  
23 medical or health care services and requires health care  
24 professionals to be credentialed or recredentialed shall for  
25 purposes of collecting credentials data only require:

26 (1) the uniform hospital credentials form;

- 1 (2) the uniform hospital recredentials form;  
2 (3) the uniform updating forms; ~~and~~  
3 (4) any additional credentials data requested; ~~and~~;  
4 (5) an online credential with required content as  
5 required by forms under this Section.

6 (f) Each health care entity and health care plan shall  
7 complete the process of verifying a health care professional's  
8 credentials data in a timely fashion and shall complete the  
9 process of credentialing or recredentialing of the health care  
10 professional within 60 days after submission of all  
11 credentials data and completion of verification of the  
12 credentials data.

13 (g) Each health care professional shall provide any  
14 corrections, updates, and modifications to his or her  
15 credentials data to ensure that all credentials data on the  
16 health care professional remains current. Such corrections,  
17 updates, and modifications shall be provided within 5 business  
18 days for State health care professional license revocation,  
19 federal Drug Enforcement Agency license revocation, Medicare  
20 or Medicaid sanctions, revocation of hospital privileges, any  
21 lapse in professional liability coverage required by a health  
22 care entity, health care plan, or hospital, or conviction of a  
23 felony, and within 45 days for any other change in the  
24 information from the date the health care professional knew of  
25 the change. All updates shall be made on the uniform updating  
26 forms prescribed ~~developed~~ by the Department.

1           (h) Any credentials data collected or obtained by the  
2 health care entity, health care plan, or hospital shall be  
3 confidential, as provided by law, and otherwise may not be  
4 redisclosed without written consent of the health care  
5 professional, except that in any proceeding to challenge  
6 credentialing or recredentialing, or in any judicial review,  
7 the claim of confidentiality shall not be invoked to deny a  
8 health care professional, health care entity, health care  
9 plan, or hospital access to or use of credentials data.  
10 Nothing in this Section prevents a health care entity, health  
11 care plan, or hospital from disclosing any credentials data to  
12 its officers, directors, employees, agents, subcontractors,  
13 medical staff members, any committee of the health care  
14 entity, health care plan, or hospital involved in the  
15 credentialing process, or accreditation bodies or licensing  
16 agencies. However, any redisclosure of credentials data  
17 contrary to this Section is prohibited.

18           (i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict the  
19 right of any health care entity, health care plan or hospital  
20 to request additional information necessary for credentialing  
21 or recredentialing.

22           (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict in  
23 any way the authority of any health care entity, health care  
24 plan or hospital to approve, suspend or deny an application  
25 for hospital staff membership, clinical privileges, or managed  
26 care network participation.



1 (k) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit  
2 delegation of credentialing and recredentialing activities as  
3 long as the delegated entity follows the requirements set  
4 forth in this Act.

5 (l) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require any  
6 health care entity or health care plan to credential or survey  
7 any health care professional.

8 (m) Nothing in this Act prohibits a hospital from granting  
9 disaster privileges pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.4  
10 of the Hospital Licensing Act. When a hospital grants disaster  
11 privileges pursuant to Section 10.4 of the Hospital Licensing  
12 Act, that hospital is not required to collect credentials data  
13 pursuant to this Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 92-193, eff. 1-1-02; 93-829, eff. 7-28-04.)

15 (410 ILCS 517/20)

16 Sec. 20. Single credentialing cycle.

17 (a) The Department, ~~in consultation with the council,~~  
18 shall by rule establish a single credentialing cycle. The  
19 single credentialing cycle shall be based on a specific  
20 variable or variables. To the extent possible the single  
21 credentialing cycle shall be established to ensure that the  
22 credentials data of all health care professionals in a group  
23 or at a single site are collected during the same time period.  
24 However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to require the  
25 single credentialing cycle to be established to ensure that

1 the credentials data of all health care professionals in a  
2 group or at a single site are collected during the same time  
3 period.

4 (b) Beginning July 1, 2002, all health care entities and  
5 health care plans shall obtain credentials data on all health  
6 care professionals according to the established single  
7 credentialing cycle.

8 (c) The Department, ~~in consultation with the council,~~  
9 shall by rule establish a process to exempt a small or unique  
10 health care entity or small or unique health care plan from the  
11 single credentialing cycle if the health care entity or health  
12 care plan demonstrates to the Department that adherence to the  
13 single credentialing cycle would be an undue hardship for the  
14 health care entity or health care plan.

15 (d) The requirements of this Section shall not apply when  
16 a health care professional submits initial credentials data to  
17 a health care entity or health care plan outside of the  
18 established single credentialing cycle, when a health care  
19 professional's credentials data change substantively, or when  
20 a health care entity or health care plan requires  
21 recredentialing as a result of patient or quality assurance  
22 issues.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99; 92-193, eff. 1-1-02.)

24 (410 ILCS 517/25)

25 Sec. 25. Single site survey.

1           (a) The Department,~~in consultation with the council,~~  
2 shall by rule establish a uniform site survey instrument  
3 taking into account national accreditation standards and State  
4 requirements. The uniform site survey instrument shall include  
5 all the site survey data requested by health care entities and  
6 health care plans.

7           (b) No later than July 1, 2002, the Department,~~in~~  
8 ~~consultation with the council,~~ shall publish, in rule, the  
9 variable or variables for completing the single site survey.  
10 To the extent possible, the single site survey shall be  
11 established to ensure that all health care professionals in a  
12 group or at a site are reviewed during the same time period.

13           (c) Beginning January 1, 2003, health care entities and  
14 health care plans shall implement the single site survey, if a  
15 site survey is required by any of the health care  
16 professional's health care entities or health care plans. The  
17 site survey shall be completed using the uniform site survey  
18 instrument.

19           (d) The uniform site survey instrument shall be used when  
20 a health care professional seeks initial credentialing by a  
21 health care entity or health care plan, when a health care  
22 professional's credentials data change substantively, or when  
23 a health care plan or health care entity requires a site survey  
24 as a result of patient or quality assurance issues, if a site  
25 survey is required by the health care entity or health care  
26 plan.

1 (e) Nothing in this Section prohibits health care entities  
2 and health care plans from choosing the independent party to  
3 conduct the single site survey.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99; 92-193, eff. 1-1-02.)

5 (410 ILCS 517/30)

6 Sec. 30. Study of coordinated credentials verification.

7 (a) The Department, ~~in consultation with the council,~~  
8 shall study the need for coordinated credentials data  
9 verification.

10 (b) The study shall address the need for, the advantages  
11 and disadvantages of, and the costs and cost savings, if any,  
12 of coordinated credentials verification.

13 (c) The study also may address other changes to improve  
14 the credentialing and recredentialing processes, to improve  
15 the timeliness of the credentials data, and reduce the costs,  
16 time, and administrative burden associated with the processes.

17 (d) The Department shall make a recommendation to the  
18 General Assembly and the Governor regarding the need for  
19 further legislation no later than January 1, 2003.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)

21 (410 ILCS 517/35)

22 Sec. 35. Rules. The Department, ~~in consultation with the~~  
23 ~~council,~~ shall adopt rules necessary to develop and implement  
24 and enforce the requirements established by this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)

2 (410 ILCS 517/10 rep.)

3 Section 10. The Health Care Professional Credentials Data  
4 Collection Act is amended by repealing Section 10."

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law."