



1 Section 10. The Health Care Professional Credentials  
2 Data Collection Act is amended by changing Section 15 as  
3 follows:

4 (410 ILCS 517/15)

5 Sec. 15. Development and use of uniform health care and  
6 hospital credentials forms.

7 (a) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
8 shall by rule establish:

9 (1) a uniform health care credentials form that  
10 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
11 health care entities and health care plans for purposes  
12 of credentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
13 collection of additional credentials data;

14 (2) a uniform health care recredentials form that  
15 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
16 health care entities and health care plans for purposes  
17 of recredentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
18 collection of additional credentials data;

19 (3) a uniform hospital credentials form that shall  
20 include the credentials data commonly requested by  
21 hospitals for purposes of credentialing and shall  
22 minimize the need for the collection of additional  
23 credentials data;

24 (4) a uniform hospital recredentials form that  
25 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
26 hospitals for purposes of recredentialing and shall  
27 minimize the need for collection of additional  
28 credentials data; and

29 (5) uniform updating forms.

30 (b) The uniform forms established in subsection (a)  
31 shall be coordinated to reduce the need to provide redundant  
32 information. Further, the forms shall be made available in  
33 both paper and electronic formats.

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

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

- 13 (1) the uniform health care credentials form;
- 14 (2) the uniform health care recertification form;
- 15 (3) the uniform updating forms; and
- 16 (4) any additional credentials data requested.

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

- 23 (1) the uniform hospital credentials form;
- 24 (2) the uniform hospital recertification form;
- 25 (3) the uniform updating forms; and
- 26 (4) any additional credentials data requested.

27 (f) Each health care entity and health care plan shall  
28 complete the process of verifying a health care  
29 professional's credentials data in a timely fashion and shall  
30 complete the process of credentialing or recertifying of  
31 the health care professional within 60 days after submission  
32 of all credentials data and completion of verification of the  
33 credentials data.

34 (f-5) Each health care plan that credentials health care

1 professionals may request of the Director of Professional  
2 Regulation information concerning the licensure status of,  
3 any disciplinary action taken against, and specified  
4 mandatory reports concerning an individual health care  
5 professional. The Director of Professional Regulation shall  
6 transmit, in writing not later than 15 days after the close  
7 of the month in which action is taken or reported to the  
8 Department of Professional Regulation, the following  
9 information: (1) the current licensure status and any  
10 disciplinary action with regard to a license, including but  
11 not limited to any limitations, restrictions, suspensions,  
12 probations, or revocations or failure to renew a license and  
13 (2) any report of an adverse action of a peer review  
14 committee of a hospital or other health care entity with  
15 respect to an allegation against a health care professional  
16 or a matter that relates to the professional conduct or  
17 qualifications of the health care professional. Any  
18 transmittal of information by the Director of Professional  
19 Regulation under this Section shall be to the health care  
20 plan's peer review designee. The information provided under  
21 this subsection shall be afforded the same status as is  
22 information concerning medical studies by Part 21 of Article  
23 VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure. The Department of  
24 Professional Regulation may carry out its duties under this  
25 subsection through the creation of an automated transmittal  
26 system to registered health plans.

27 (g) Each health care professional shall provide any  
28 corrections, updates, and modifications to his or her  
29 credentials data to ensure that all credentials data on the  
30 health care professional remains current. Such corrections,  
31 updates, and modifications shall be provided within 5  
32 business days for State health care professional license  
33 revocation, federal Drug Enforcement Agency license  
34 revocation, Medicare or Medicaid sanctions, revocation of

1 hospital privileges, any lapse in professional liability  
2 coverage required by a health care entity, health care plan,  
3 or hospital, or conviction of a felony, and within 45 days  
4 for any other change in the information from the date the  
5 health care professional knew of the change. All updates  
6 shall be made on the uniform updating forms developed by the  
7 Department.

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

25 (i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict  
26 the right of any health care entity, health care plan or  
27 hospital to request additional information necessary for  
28 credentialing or recredentialing.

29 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict  
30 in any way the authority of any health care entity, health  
31 care plan or hospital to approve, suspend or deny an  
32 application for hospital staff membership, clinical  
33 privileges, or managed care network participation.

34 (k) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit

1 delegation of credentialing and recredentialing activities as  
2 long as the delegated entity follows the requirements set  
3 forth in this Act.

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

7 (m) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any  
8 health care entity or health care plan from submitting a  
9 query to the Department of Professional Regulation for the  
10 current licensure status of any health care professional or  
11 the National Practitioner Data Bank at any time.

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