

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Health Maintenance Organization Act is amended by changing Section 1-2 as follows:

(215 ILCS 125/1-2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1402)

Sec. 1-2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

(1) "Advertisement" means any printed or published material, audiovisual material and descriptive literature of the health care plan used in direct mail, newspapers, magazines, radio scripts, television scripts, billboards and similar displays; and any descriptive literature or sales aids of all kinds disseminated by a representative of the health care plan for presentation to the public including, but not limited to, circulars, leaflets, booklets, depictions, illustrations, form letters and prepared sales presentations.

(2) "Director" means the Director of Insurance.

(3) "Basic health care services" means emergency care, and inpatient hospital and physician care, outpatient medical services, mental health services and care for alcohol and drug abuse, including any reasonable deductibles and co-payments,

all of which are subject to the limitations described in Section 4-20 of this Act and as determined by the Director pursuant to rule.

(4) "Enrollee" means an individual who has been enrolled in a health care plan.

(5) "Evidence of coverage" means any certificate, agreement, or contract issued to an enrollee setting out the coverage to which he is entitled in exchange for a per capita prepaid sum.

(6) "Group contract" means a contract for health care services which by its terms limits eligibility to members of a specified group.

(7) "Health care plan" means any arrangement whereby any organization undertakes to provide or arrange for and pay for or reimburse the cost of basic health care services, excluding any reasonable deductibles and copayments, from providers selected by the Health Maintenance Organization and such arrangement consists of arranging for or the provision of such health care services, as distinguished from mere indemnification against the cost of such services, except as otherwise authorized by Section 2-3 of this Act, on a per capita prepaid basis, through insurance or otherwise. A "health care plan" also includes any arrangement whereby an organization undertakes to provide or arrange for or pay for or reimburse the cost of any health care service for persons who are enrolled under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code or

under the Children's Health Insurance Program Act through providers selected by the organization and the arrangement consists of making provision for the delivery of health care services, as distinguished from mere indemnification. A "health care plan" also includes any arrangement pursuant to Section 4-17. Nothing in this definition, however, affects the total medical services available to persons eligible for medical assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code.

(8) "Health care services" means any services included in the furnishing to any individual of medical or dental care, or the hospitalization or incident to the furnishing of such care or hospitalization as well as the furnishing to any person of any and all other services for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing or healing human illness or injury.

(9) "Health Maintenance Organization" means any organization formed under the laws of this or another state to provide or arrange for one or more health care plans under a system which causes any part of the risk of health care delivery to be borne by the organization or its providers.

(10) "Net worth" means admitted assets, as defined in Section 1-3 of this Act, minus liabilities.

(11) "Organization" means any insurance company, a nonprofit corporation authorized under the Dental Service Plan Act or the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, or a corporation organized under the laws of this or another state for the purpose of operating one or more health care plans and

doing no business other than that of a Health Maintenance Organization or an insurance company. "Organization" shall also mean the University of Illinois Hospital as defined in the University of Illinois Hospital Act.

(12) "Provider" means any physician, hospital facility, or facility or long-term care facility as those terms are defined in the Nursing Home Care Act or other person which is licensed or otherwise authorized to furnish health care services and also includes any other entity that arranges for the delivery or furnishing of health care service.

(13) "Producer" means a person directly or indirectly associated with a health care plan who engages in solicitation or enrollment.

(14) "Per capita prepaid" means a basis of prepayment by which a fixed amount of money is prepaid per individual or any other enrollment unit to the Health Maintenance Organization or for health care services which are provided during a definite time period regardless of the frequency or extent of the services rendered by the Health Maintenance Organization, except for copayments and deductibles and except as provided in subsection (f) of Section 5-3 of this Act.

(15) "Subscriber" means a person who has entered into a contractual relationship with the Health Maintenance Organization for the provision of or arrangement of at least basic health care services to the beneficiaries of such contract.

(Source: P.A. 97-1148, eff. 1-24-13.)

Section 10. The Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

(215 ILCS 134/10)

Sec. 10. Definitions:

"Adverse determination" means a determination by a health care plan under Section 45 or by a utilization review program under Section 85 that a health care service is not medically necessary.

"Clinical peer" means a health care professional who is in the same profession and the same or similar specialty as the health care provider who typically manages the medical condition, procedures, or treatment under review.

"Department" means the Department of Insurance.

"Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including, but not limited to, severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

(1) placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;

(2) serious impairment to bodily functions; or

(3) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

"Emergency medical screening examination" means a medical screening examination and evaluation by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or to the extent permitted by applicable laws, by other appropriately licensed personnel under the supervision of or in collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches to determine whether the need for emergency services exists.

"Emergency services" means, with respect to an enrollee of a health care plan, transportation services, including but not limited to ambulance services, and covered inpatient and outpatient hospital services furnished by a provider qualified to furnish those services that are needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition. "Emergency services" does not refer to post-stabilization medical services.

"Enrollee" means any person and his or her dependents enrolled in or covered by a health care plan.

"Health care plan" means a plan that establishes, operates, or maintains a network of health care providers that has entered into an agreement with the plan to provide health care services to enrollees to whom the plan has the ultimate obligation to arrange for the provision of or payment for services through organizational arrangements for ongoing quality assurance, utilization review programs, or dispute resolution. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to mean that an independent practice association or a physician

hospital organization that subcontracts with a health care plan is, for purposes of that subcontract, a health care plan.

For purposes of this definition, "health care plan" shall not include the following:

(1) indemnity health insurance policies including those using a contracted provider network;

(2) health care plans that offer only dental or only vision coverage;

(3) preferred provider administrators, as defined in Section 370g(g) of the Illinois Insurance Code;

(4) employee or employer self-insured health benefit plans under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;

(5) health care provided pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act; and

(6) not-for-profit voluntary health services plans with health maintenance organization authority in existence as of January 1, 1999 that are affiliated with a union and that only extend coverage to union members and their dependents.

"Health care professional" means a physician, a registered professional nurse, or other individual appropriately licensed or registered to provide health care services.

"Health care provider" means any physician, hospital facility, long-term care facility as defined in Section 1-113

of the Nursing Home Care Act, or other person that is licensed or otherwise authorized to deliver health care services. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to define Independent Practice Associations or Physician-Hospital Organizations as health care providers.

"Health care services" means any services included in the furnishing to any individual of medical care, or the hospitalization incident to the furnishing of such care, as well as the furnishing to any person of any and all other services for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing, or healing human illness or injury including home health and pharmaceutical services and products.

"Medical director" means a physician licensed in any state to practice medicine in all its branches appointed by a health care plan.

"Person" means a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, or any other legal entity.

"Physician" means a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

"Post-stabilization medical services" means health care services provided to an enrollee that are furnished in a licensed hospital by a provider that is qualified to furnish such services, and determined to be medically necessary and directly related to the emergency medical condition following stabilization.

"Stabilization" means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result.

"Utilization review" means the evaluation of the medical necessity, appropriateness, and efficiency of the use of health care services, procedures, and facilities.

"Utilization review program" means a program established by a person to perform utilization review.

(Source: P.A. 91-617, eff. 1-1-00.)

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