

HOUSE BILL 989

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By: **Delegate Parrott**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Multi–Carrier Common Online Provider Directory**
3 **Information Systems – Designation and Acceptance of Information**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the Maryland Insurance
5 Commissioner is authorized to designate a multi–carrier common online provider
6 directory information system; altering the manner in which and circumstances
7 under which a carrier is required to accept new and updated network directory
8 information; and generally relating to multi–carrier common online provider
9 directory information systems.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Insurance
12 Section 15–112.3
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Insurance**

18 15–112.3.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) (i) “Carrier” has the meaning stated in § 15–112 of this subtitle.

21 (ii) “Carrier” does not include a managed care organization, as
22 defined in Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the Health – General Article.

23 (3) “Multi–carrier common online provider directory information system”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 means the system designated by the Commissioner for use by providers to provide and
2 update their network directory information with carriers.

3 (b) The Commissioner may designate a multi-carrier common online provider
4 directory information system developed by a nonprofit alliance of health plans and trade
5 associations if:

6 (1) the system is available to providers nationally;

7 (2) the system is available to providers at no charge;

8 (3) the system allows providers to:

9 (i) attest online to the accuracy of their information; and

10 (ii) 1. correct any inaccurate information; and

11 2. attest to the correction; [and]

12 **(4) THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNATED AS THE OPERATING RULE**
13 **AUTHORING ENTITY BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND**

14 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** the nonprofit alliance has a well-established mechanism for
15 outreach to providers.

16 (c) A carrier shall accept new and updated network directory information for a
17 provider submitted[:

18 (1) (i) through the multi-carrier common online provider directory
19 information system[; or

20 (ii) directly to the carrier; and

21 (2) from:

22 (i) the provider;

23 (ii) a hospital or academic medical center that:

24 1. is a participating provider on the carrier's provider panel;

25 and

26 2. acts as a credentialing intermediary for the carrier for

27 providers that:

28 A. participate on the carrier's provider panel; and

1 B. have privileges at the hospital or academic medical center;
2 or

3 (iii) any other person that performs credentialing functions on behalf
4 of a provider] **WHEN INFORMATION IS OUTDATED OR MISSING.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2019.