

Senate Bill 403

By: Senator Burke of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 "Medicaid Care Management Organizations Act," so as to require care management
3 organizations to approve credentialing applications within a certain time frame; to provide
4 for a standardized credentialing application; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medicaid
9 Care Management Organizations Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
10 follows:

11 "33-21A-13.

12 (a) Care management organizations shall approve credentialing applications from
13 providers within 45 days of receipt of any such application if the application is complete
14 and meets the credentialing criteria established by the care management organization;
15 provided, however, that a care management organization may extend this time frame if the
16 care management organization needs additional time to review the application due to
17 extenuating circumstances, such as evidence of multiple lawsuits against the provider. If
18 the care management organization extends such time frame due to extenuating
19 circumstances, it shall provide written notice within 45 days of receipt of any such
20 application to the provider of such extension and the extenuating circumstances warranting
21 it.

22 (b) The Department of Community Health shall establish a standardized credentialing
23 application for use in credentialing providers. All care management organizations shall be
24 required to utilize such standardized credentialing application to credential providers
25 pursuant to this chapter."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.