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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health insurers' credentialing process.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 514F.6, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **514F.6 Credentialing — ~~retrospective payment.~~**

4 1. Retrospective payment. The commissioner shall adopt
5 rules to provide for the retrospective payment of clean
6 claims for covered services provided by a physician, advanced
7 registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant during the
8 credentialing period, once the physician, advanced registered
9 nurse practitioner, or physician assistant is credentialed.

10 2. Credentialing process.

11 a. A health insurer shall respond to a physician, advanced
12 registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant's request
13 for credentialing within fifty-six calendar days from the date of
14 the request.

15 b. If a physician's, advanced registered nurse
16 practitioner's, or physician assistant's request for
17 credentialing is denied by the health insurer, the health insurer
18 shall provide a reason for the denial, in writing, to the
19 physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician
20 assistant.

21 c. A physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
22 physician assistant who is denied credentialing shall have an
23 opportunity, after an internal appeal, to appeal the denial
24 to the insurance division. In addition to any other grounds
25 for an appeal, network adequacy shall constitute grounds for a
26 physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to
27 appeal.

28 ~~2.~~ 3. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

29 a. "Advanced registered nurse practitioner" means a person
30 currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 152 or
31 152E who is licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced
32 registered nurse practitioner.

33 b. "Clean claim" means the same as defined in section
34 507B.4A, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

35 c. "Credentialing" means a process through which a health

