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BULLETIN

To: Insurers, Nonprofit Health Service Plans, and Health Maintenance

Organizations with Provider Panels

Re: Credentialing of Providers by a Credentialing Intermediary

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Senate Bill 819, Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2002, states that the Insurance Commissioner may permit a carrier to use a health care facility's credentialing form to credential providers at the health care facility if the carrier has designated the health care facility to be the credentialing intermediary for the health care facility's physicians. A separate filing with the Commissioner will not be required for a carrier to use a health care facility's credentialing form. Any carrier may use a health care facility's credentialing form provided:

- 1) it is used only to credential providers at the facility; and
- 2) the facility has been designated the credentialing intermediary by the carrier.

Carriers are required to use the Uniform Credentialing Form to credential all other providers.

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