

1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1954

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1954 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4            "Section 5. The Health Care Professional Credentials  
5 Data Collection Act is amended by changing Sections 15, 20,  
6 and 25 as follows:

7            (410 ILCS 517/15)

8            Sec. 15. Development and use of uniform health care and  
9 hospital credentials forms.

10            (a) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
11 shall by rule establish:

12                    (1) a uniform health care credentials form that  
13 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
14 health care entities and health care plans for purposes  
15 of credentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
16 collection of additional credentials data;

17                    (2) a uniform health care recredentials form that  
18 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
19 health care entities and health care plans for purposes  
20 of recredentialing and shall minimize the need for the  
21 collection of additional credentials data;

22                    (3) a uniform hospital credentials form that shall

1 include the credentials data commonly requested by  
2 hospitals for purposes of credentialing and shall  
3 minimize the need for the collection of additional  
4 credentials data;

5 (4) a uniform hospital recredentials form that  
6 shall include the credentials data commonly requested by  
7 hospitals for purposes of recredentialing and shall  
8 minimize the need for collection of additional  
9 credentials data; and

10 (5) uniform updating forms.

11 (b) The uniform forms established in subsection (a)  
12 shall be coordinated to reduce the need to provide redundant  
13 information. Further, the forms shall be made available in  
14 both paper and electronic formats.

15 (c) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
16 shall establish by rule a date after which an electronic  
17 format may be required by a health care entity, a health care  
18 plan, or a hospital, and a health care professional may  
19 require acceptance of an electronic format by a health care  
20 entity, a health care plan, or a hospital.

21 (d) Beginning January July 1, 2002 2000, each health  
22 care entity or health care plan that employs, contracts with,  
23 or allows health care professionals to provide medical or  
24 health care services and requires health care professionals  
25 to be credentialed or recredentialed shall for purposes of  
26 collecting credentials data only require:

- 27 (1) the uniform health care credentials form;
- 28 (2) the uniform health care recredentials form;
- 29 (3) the uniform updating forms; and
- 30 (4) any additional credentials data requested.

31 (e) Beginning January July 1, 2002 2000, each hospital  
32 that employs, contracts with, or allows health care  
33 professionals to provide medical or health care services and  
34 requires health care professionals to be credentialed or

1       recredentialed shall for purposes of collecting credentials  
2       data only require:

- 3               (1) the uniform hospital credentials form;
- 4               (2) the uniform hospital recredentials form;
- 5               (3) the uniform updating forms; and
- 6               (4) any additional credentials data requested.

7       (f) Each health care entity and health care plan shall  
8       complete the process of verifying a health care  
9       professional's credentials data in a timely fashion and shall  
10       complete the process of credentialing or recredentialing of  
11       the health care professional within 60 days after submission  
12       of all credentials data and completion of verification of the  
13       credentials data.

14       (g) Each health care professional shall provide any  
15       corrections, updates, and modifications to his or her  
16       credentials data to ensure that all credentials data on the  
17       health care professional remains current. Such corrections,  
18       updates, and modifications shall be provided within 5  
19       business days for State health care professional license  
20       revocation, federal Drug Enforcement Agency license  
21       revocation, Medicare or Medicaid sanctions, revocation of  
22       hospital privileges, any lapse in professional liability  
23       coverage required by a health care entity, health care plan,  
24       or hospital, or conviction of a felony, and within 45 days  
25       for any other change in the information from the date the  
26       health care professional knew of the change. All updates  
27       shall be made on the uniform updating forms developed by the  
28       Department.

29       (h) Any credentials data collected or obtained by the  
30       health care entity, health care plan, or hospital shall be  
31       confidential, as provided by law, and otherwise may not be  
32       redisclosed without written consent of the health care  
33       professional, except that in any proceeding to challenge  
34       credentialing or recredentialing, or in any judicial review,

1 the claim of confidentiality shall not be invoked to deny a  
2 health care professional, health care entity, health care  
3 plan, or hospital access to or use of credentials data.  
4 Nothing in this Section prevents a health care entity, health  
5 care plan, or hospital from disclosing any credentials data  
6 to its officers, directors, employees, agents,  
7 subcontractors, medical staff members, any committee of the  
8 health care entity, health care plan, or hospital involved in  
9 the credentialing process, or accreditation bodies or  
10 licensing agencies. However, any redisclosure of credentials  
11 data contrary to this Section is prohibited.

12 (i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict  
13 the right of any health care entity, health care plan or  
14 hospital to request additional information necessary for  
15 credentialing or recredentialing.

16 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict  
17 in any way the authority of any health care entity, health  
18 care plan or hospital to approve, suspend or deny an  
19 application for hospital staff membership, clinical  
20 privileges, or managed care network participation.

21 (k) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit  
22 delegation of credentialing and recredentialing activities as  
23 long as the delegated entity follows the requirements set  
24 forth in this Act.

25 (l) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require  
26 any health care entity or health care plan to credential or  
27 survey any health care professional.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)

29 (410 ILCS 517/20)

30 Sec. 20. Single credentialing cycle.

31 (a) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
32 shall by rule establish a single credentialing cycle. The  
33 single credentialing cycle shall be based on a specific

1 variable or variables. To the extent possible the single  
2 credentialing cycle shall be established to ensure that the  
3 credentials data of all health care professionals in a group  
4 or at a single site are collected during the same time  
5 period. However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to  
6 require the single credentialing cycle to be established to  
7 ensure that the credentials data of all health care  
8 professionals in a group or at a single site are collected  
9 during the same time period.

10 (b) Beginning July 1, 2002 ~~January 17, 2001~~, all health  
11 care entities and health care plans shall obtain credentials  
12 data on all health care professionals according to the  
13 established single credentialing cycle.

14 (c) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
15 shall by rule establish a process to exempt a small or unique  
16 health care entity or small or unique health care plan from  
17 the single credentialing cycle if the health care entity or  
18 health care plan demonstrates to the Department that  
19 adherence to the single credentialing cycle would be an undue  
20 hardship for the health care entity or health care plan.

21 (d) The requirements of this Section shall not apply  
22 when a health care professional submits initial credentials  
23 data to a health care entity or health care plan outside of  
24 the established single credentialing cycle, when a health  
25 care professional's credentials data change substantively, or  
26 when a health care entity or health care plan requires  
27 recredentialing as a result of patient or quality assurance  
28 issues.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)

30 (410 ILCS 517/25)

31 Sec. 25. Single site survey.

32 (a) The Department, in consultation with the council,  
33 shall by rule establish a uniform site survey instrument

1 taking into account national accreditation standards and  
2 State requirements. The uniform site survey instrument shall  
3 include all the site survey data requested by health care  
4 entities and health care plans.

5 (b) No later than July 1, 2002 ~~January--17--2001~~, the  
6 Department, in consultation with the council, shall publish,  
7 in rule, the variable or variables for completing the single  
8 site survey. To the extent possible, the single site survey  
9 shall be established to ensure that all health care  
10 professionals in a group or at a site are reviewed during the  
11 same time period.

12 (c) Beginning January 1, 2003 ~~July-17-2001~~, health care  
13 entities and health care plans shall implement the single  
14 site survey, if a site survey is required by any of the  
15 health care professional's health care entities or health  
16 care plans. The site survey shall be completed using the  
17 uniform site survey instrument.

18 (d) The uniform site survey instrument shall be used  
19 when a health care professional seeks initial credentialing  
20 by a health care entity or health care plan, when a health  
21 care professional's credentials data change substantively, or  
22 when a health care plan or health care entity requires a site  
23 survey as a result of patient or quality assurance issues, if  
24 a site survey is required by the health care entity or health  
25 care plan.

26 (e) Nothing in this Section prohibits health care  
27 entities and health care plans from choosing the independent  
28 party to conduct the single site survey.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-602, eff. 8-16-99.)".