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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB24-1149 be amended as follows:

Amend printed bill, page 10, strike lines 5 through 13 and substitute "RESOLUTION, BINDING ARBITRATION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b)(VI) of this section.

- (VI) IF A PROVIDER REQUESTS BINDING ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES A CARRIER OR AN ORGANIZATION DEVELOPS UNDER SUBSECTION (4)(b)(V)(B) OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS GOVERN THE ARBITRATION PROCEDURE:
- (A) THE PROVIDER AND CARRIER OR ORGANIZATION SHALL JOINTLY SELECT AN ARBITRATOR FROM THE LIST OF ARBITRATORS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-704 (15)(b). NEITHER THE PROVIDER NOR THE CARRIER OR ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE DIVISION OF THE ARBITRATION OR OF THE SELECTED ARBITRATOR.
- (B) THE SELECTED ARBITRATOR SHALL DETERMINE THE PROVIDER'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARRIER'S OR ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM BASED ON THE PROGRAM CRITERIA DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION;
- (C) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ARBITRATOR ACCEPTS THE MATTER, THE PROVIDER AND THE CARRIER OR ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ARBITRATOR WRITTEN MATERIALS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS;
- (D) THE ARBITRATOR MAY RENDER A DECISION BASED ON THE WRITTEN MATERIALS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(b)(VI)(C) OF THIS SECTION OR MAY SCHEDULE A HEARING, LASTING NOT LONGER THAN ONE DAY, FOR THE PROVIDER AND CARRIER OR ORGANIZATION TO PRESENT EVIDENCE:
- (E) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ARBITRATOR RECEIVES THE WRITTEN MATERIALS OR, IF A HEARING IS CONDUCTED, THE DATE OF THE HEARING, THE ARBITRATOR SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN DECISION STATING WHETHER THE PROVIDER IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM; AND
- (F) IF THE ARBITRATOR OVERTURNS THE CARRIER'S OR ORGANIZATION'S FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO INCLUDE THE PROVIDER IN THE PROGRAM, THE CARRIER OR ORGANIZATION SHALL PAY THE ARBITRATOR'S FEES AND COSTS, AND IF THE ARBITRATOR AFFIRMS THE CARRIER'S OR ORGANIZATION'S FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO INCLUDE THE PROVIDER IN THE PROGRAM, THE PROVIDER SHALL PAY THE ARBITRATOR'S FEES AND COSTS.".
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- 38 Page 17, line 14, strike "(A)" and substitute "(I)".
- 39 Page 17, line 17, strike "(B)" and substitute "(II)".

- Page 17, strike lines 18 through 25 and substitute "RESOLUTION, BINDING ARBITRATION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5.5)(e) OF THIS SECTION.
- (e) If a provider requests binding arbitration pursuant to the procedures a carrier or a PBM develops under subsection (5.5)(d)(II) of this section, the following provisions govern the arbitration procedure:
- (I) The provider and carrier or PBM shall jointly select an arbitrator from the list of arbitrators approved pursuant to section 10-16-704 (15)(b). Neither the provider nor the carrier or PBM is required to notify the division of the arbitration or of the selected arbitrator.
- (II) THE SELECTED ARBITRATOR SHALL DETERMINE THE PROVIDER'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARRIER'S OR PBM's PROGRAM BASED ON THE PROGRAM CRITERIA DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION;
- (III) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ARBITRATOR ACCEPTS THE MATTER, THE PROVIDER AND THE CARRIER OR PBM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ARBITRATOR WRITTEN MATERIALS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS;
- (IV) THE ARBITRATOR MAY RENDER A DECISION BASED ON THE WRITTEN MATERIALS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5.5)(e)(III) OF THIS SECTION OR MAY SCHEDULE A HEARING, LASTING NOT LONGER THAN ONE DAY, FOR THE PROVIDER AND CARRIER OR PBM TO PRESENT EVIDENCE;
- (V) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ARBITRATOR RECEIVES THE WRITTEN MATERIALS OR, IF A HEARING IS CONDUCTED, THE DATE OF THE HEARING, THE ARBITRATOR SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN DECISION STATING WHETHER THE PROVIDER IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM; AND
- (VI) IF THE ARBITRATOR OVERTURNS THE CARRIER'S OR PBM'S FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO INCLUDE THE PROVIDER IN THE PROGRAM, THE CARRIER OR PBM SHALL PAY THE ARBITRATOR'S FEES AND COSTS, AND IF THE ARBITRATOR AFFIRMS THE CARRIER'S OR PBM'S FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO INCLUDE THE PROVIDER IN THE PROGRAM, THE PROVIDER SHALL PAY THE ARBITRATOR'S FEES AND COSTS.".

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