



House Bill No. 5461

Public Act No. 06-90

AN ACT CONCERNING PREFERRED PROVIDER NETWORKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 38a-479aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(7) "Preferred provider network" means a person, which is not a managed care organization, but which pays claims for the delivery of health care services, accepts financial risk for the delivery of health care services and establishes, operates or maintains an arrangement or contract with providers relating to (A) the health care services rendered by the providers, and (B) the amounts to be paid to the providers for such services. "Preferred provider network" does not include (i) a workers' compensation preferred provider organization established pursuant to section 31-279-10 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [or] (ii) an independent practice association or physician hospital organization whose primary function is to contract with insurers and provide services to providers, or (iii) a private clinical laboratory, licensed pursuant to section 19a-30, whose primary payments for any contracted or referred services are made to other licensed clinical laboratories or for associated pathology services.

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