

## SENATE BILL No. 203

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-214.8; IC 16-21-2-7.5; IC 25-22.5-1-3; IC 25-29-1-0.7; IC 27-8-11-3.5; IC 27-13-15-4.

**Synopsis:** Physician maintenance of certification. Prohibits a hospital from denying hospital staff or admitting privileges to a physician or podiatrist based solely on the decision of the physician or podiatrist not to participate in maintenance of certification. Specifies that the medical licensing statute and the podiatrist licensing statute do not require a licensed physician or licensed podiatrist to hold or maintain a board certification in a specialty medical area in order to practice. Prohibits an accident and sickness insurer from: (1) denying a physician or podiatrist the right to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the insurer; (2) denying a physician or podiatrist reimbursement for a covered service; or (3) setting reimbursement for services provided by a physician or podiatrist at a lower rate; based solely on the decision of the physician or podiatrist not to participate in maintenance of certification. Prohibits a health maintenance organization (HMO) from: (1) preventing a physician or podiatrist from entering into a participating provider contract with the HMO; (2) denying a physician or podiatrist reimbursement for a covered service; or (3) setting reimbursement for services provided by a physician or podiatrist at a lower rate; based solely on the decision of the physician or podiatrist not to participate in maintenance of certification.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-214.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 214.8. "Maintenance of**  
4 **certification", for purposes of IC 16-21-2-7.5, has the meaning set**  
5 **forth in IC 16-21-2-7.5(a).**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-21-2-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8 1, 2019]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) As used in this section, "maintenance of**  
9 **certification" means a continuous professional development**  
10 **program through which a physician or podiatrist is certified to**  
11 **maintain a specialty certification by at least one (1) medical**  
12 **specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or a**  
13 **successor entity, the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery,**  
14 **the American Board of Podiatric Medicine, the American Board of**  
15 **Lower Extremity Surgery, or any other podiatric specialty**  
16 **organization. The term does not include the following:**

17 (1) Any:



1 (A) continuing medical education requirements by the  
2 medical licensing board of Indiana under IC 25-22.5; or

3 (B) continuing podiatric medical education requirements  
4 by the board of podiatric medicine under IC 25-29.

5 (2) Remedial or corrective courses or training required by a  
6 quality improvement committee of a hospital.

7 (b) A hospital licensed under this article may not deny a  
8 physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a podiatrist licensed under  
9 IC 25-29 hospital staff or admitting privileges based solely on the  
10 physician's or podiatrist's decision not to participate in  
11 maintenance of certification.

12 SECTION 3. IC 25-22.5-1-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
14 1, 2019]: **Sec. 3. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require  
15 an individual licensed under this article to hold a board  
16 certification or maintain a board certification in a specialty  
17 medical area in order to practice medicine under this article.**

18 SECTION 4. IC 25-29-1-0.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
19 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
20 1, 2019]: **Sec. 0.7. Nothing in this article shall be construed to  
21 require an individual licensed under this article to hold a board  
22 certification or maintain a board certification in a specialty  
23 medical area in order to practice podiatry under this article.**

24 SECTION 5. IC 27-8-11-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
25 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
26 1, 2019]: **Sec. 3.5. An insurer may not do any of the following  
27 concerning a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a podiatrist  
28 licensed under IC 25-29 based solely on the physician's or  
29 podiatrist's decision not to participate in maintenance of  
30 certification (as defined in IC 16-21-2-7.5(a)):**

31 (1) Deny the physician or the podiatrist the right to enter into  
32 an agreement with the insurer under section 3 of this chapter.

33 (2) Deny reimbursement to the physician or the podiatrist for  
34 a covered health care service.

35 (3) Set reimbursement for health care services provided by  
36 the physician or the podiatrist at a lower reimbursement rate  
37 than reimbursement for a physician or a podiatrist who  
38 participates in maintenance of certification.

39 SECTION 6. IC 27-13-15-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.74-2007,  
40 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
41 JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "health maintenance  
42 organization" includes the following:**



- 1 (1) A limited service health maintenance organization.  
 2 (2) A person that pays or administers claims on behalf of a health  
 3 maintenance organization or a limited service health maintenance  
 4 organization.  
 5 (b) An agreement between a health maintenance organization and  
 6 a participating provider under this chapter may not contain a provision  
 7 that:  
 8 (1) prohibits, or grants the health maintenance organization an  
 9 option to prohibit, the participating provider from contracting  
 10 with another health maintenance organization to accept lower  
 11 payment for health care services than the payment specified in the  
 12 agreement;  
 13 (2) requires, or grants the health maintenance organization an  
 14 option to require, the participating provider to accept a lower  
 15 payment from the health maintenance organization if the  
 16 participating provider agrees with another health maintenance  
 17 organization to accept lower payment for health care services;  
 18 (3) requires, or grants the health maintenance organization an  
 19 option of, termination or renegotiation of the agreement if the  
 20 participating provider agrees with another health maintenance  
 21 organization to accept lower payment for health care services; or  
 22 (4) requires the participating provider to disclose the participating  
 23 provider's reimbursement rates under contracts with other health  
 24 maintenance organizations.  
 25 **(c) A health maintenance organization may not do any of the**  
 26 **following concerning a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a**  
 27 **podiatrist licensed under IC 25-29 based solely on the physician's**  
 28 **or podiatrist's decision not to participate in maintenance of**  
 29 **certification (as defined in IC 16-21-2-7.5(a)):**  
 30 **(1) Prevent a physician or a podiatrist from entering into a**  
 31 **participating provider contract with the health maintenance**  
 32 **organization.**  
 33 **(2) Deny reimbursement to the physician or the podiatrist for**  
 34 **a covered health care service.**  
 35 **(3) Set reimbursement for services provided by the physician**  
 36 **or the podiatrist at a lower reimbursement rate than the**  
 37 **reimbursement rate for a physician or a podiatrist who**  
 38 **participates in maintenance of certification.**  
 39 (e) **(d)** A contract provision that violates this section is void.

