

**THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REFORM ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 350 of 1980**

**550.1400 Use of most favored nation clause in provider contract.**

Sec. 400. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, this section applies to the use of a most favored nation clause in a provider contract on and after February 1, 2013.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), beginning February 1, 2013, a health care corporation shall not use a most favored nation clause in any provider contract, including a provider contract in effect on February 1, 2013, unless the most favored nation clause has been filed with and approved by the commissioner. Subject to subsection (3), beginning February 1, 2013, a health care corporation shall not enforce a most favored nation clause in any provider contract without the prior approval of the commissioner.

(3) Beginning January 1, 2014, a health care corporation shall not use a most favored nation clause in any provider contract, including a provider contract in effect on January 1, 2014.

(4) As used in this section, "most favored nation clause" means a clause that does any of the following:

(a) Prohibits, or grants a contracting health care corporation an option to prohibit, a provider from contracting with another party to provide health care services at a lower rate than the payment or reimbursement rate specified in the contract with the health care corporation.

(b) Requires, or grants a contracting health care corporation an option to require, a provider to accept a lower payment or reimbursement rate if the provider agrees to provide health care services to any other party at a lower rate than the payment or reimbursement rate specified in the contract with the health care corporation.

(c) Requires, or grants a contracting health care corporation an option to require, termination or renegotiation of an existing provider contract if a provider agrees to provide health care services to any other party at a lower rate than the payment or reimbursement rate specified in the contract with the health care corporation.

(d) Requires a provider to disclose, to the health care corporation or its designee, the provider's contractual payment or reimbursement rates with other parties.

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