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H 39. PROVIDER DIRECTORIES. TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR MANAGED CARE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES. Enacts new GS 58-3-245 to require health insurers that use a network of health care providers to provide a directory to all insureds with specified, updated information. Directory must include (1) name, contact information, and specialty for each provider and facility; (2) whether the provider may be selected as a primary care provider; (3) whether the provider is currently accepting new patients and whether access to the provider is otherwise restricted; (4) date of publication; and (5) instructions for getting updates on directory information. Applies to all health benefit plans delivered, issued, or renewed on or after July 1, 2002.

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