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HOUSE BILL 1459

Short Title: Health Insurance/In-Network Provider Choice. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stewart.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Insurance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE
IN-NETWORK HEALTH COVERAGE TO ALLOW ALL PROVIDERS TO JOIN THE
NETWORK IF THE PROVIDER IS WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE INSURER'S
NETWORK REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 50 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended
by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 58-50-42. Provider access to managed care health insurance coverage.

An insurer that provides for in-network health care coverage to its insured shall permit any qualified provider to join the insurer's network if the qualified provider agrees to all of the contract terms offered to the insurer's in-network providers. The same terms and conditions shall apply to all in-network providers in the same class of service or license. As used in this section, 'insurer' has the meaning applicable under G.S. 58-3-167."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

