

(H. B. 3464)

(No. 372)

(Approved September 2, 2000)

AN ACT

To amend Section 5 of Article IV of Act No. 72 of September 7, 1993, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration Act”, with the purpose of establishing that among the members of the Administration’s Board of Directors there shall be one competent participating provider and for other matters.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Through Act No. 72 of September 7, 1993, as amended, the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration was created, which is a public corporation with full autonomy to develop the functions entrusted to it by Law. The Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration has the responsibility of implementing, managing and negotiating, through contracts with insurers, a health insurance system granting all the Island’s residents access to medical-hospital quality care, regardless of the economic condition and capacity for payment of those who request them.

In agreement with the public policy established since 1993, the Board of Directors that controls the Administration has worked diligently to implement a radical reform of health services in Puerto Rico. Until now, it may be said that practically all the population that cannot afford a doctor has quality medical-hospital services, due practically to the fact that the Board has fully assumed responsibility for establishing the methods allowing

procurement of services, under controls aimed at preventing unjustified raises in the cost of health services and insurance premiums.

As a consequence of this new role of the Administration, it becomes necessary and convenient to establish that among the four members of the Administration Board, one shall be a competent participating provider, for same to be of greater use for the functions assigned within the Board.

BE IT EBACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Section 5 of Article IV of Act No. 72 of September 7, 1993, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Article IV

PUERTO RICO HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Section 1.- Creation:

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Section 5.- Qualifications of the appointed members of the Board of Directors:

The four (4) members of the Board of Directors who are not ex officio members shall be persons of acknowledged moral probity. Of these, one (1) shall be a competent professional in the insurance industry, another shall be one (1) competent participating provider and the other two (2) shall be public interest representatives. The latter shall not have commercial relations with medical-hospital installations, nor with the health insurance industry, nor with providers of health services other than insurer-insured, insurer-claimant, patient-doctor or patient hospital.”

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 372 (H.B. 3464) of the 7th Session of the 13th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 10th of March of 2005.

Luis Fusté-Lacourt
Director

