

#### **BERMUDA**

#### BERMUDA HEALTH COUNCIL AMENDMENT ACT 2024

2024:16

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Bermuda Health Council Act 2004 to provide for the Council, upon the direction of the Minister, to require licensed health service providers, licensed insurers, and approved schemes to provide information necessary to support objective decision making with respect to, among other things, universal health coverage;

Be it enacted by The King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

## Citation

1 This Act, which amends the Bermuda Health Council Act 2004, may be cited as the Bermuda Health Council Amendment Act 2024.

# Amends section 5

- 2 Section 5 of the Bermuda Health Council Act 2004 is amended—
  - (a) by renumbering the provision as subsection (1);
  - (b) by inserting the following after subsection (1)—

"(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) and where directed by the Minister under section 7, the Council shall require licensed health service providers, licensed insurers, and approved schemes to provide returns, statistics or other information necessary to support objective decision making with respect to healthcare service delivery, healthcare utilization, health care costs, the payment of fees for health products and services, and to support implementation of universal health coverage.

- (3) Where the Council requires returns, statistics or other information pursuant to subsection (2), it shall require such in a form that anonymizes patient names; and the Council may, if it deems necessary, anonymize other identifying information including the names of licensed health services providers, licensed insurers, and approved schemes.
- (4) Any person who fails to supply the required returns, statistics or other information pursuant to subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20,000.".

### Commencement

3 This Act comes into operation on such day as the Minister appoints by notice published in the Gazette.

[Assent Date: 15 July 2024]

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