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H.B. No. 3231

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the continuation and operations of a health care  
3 provider participation program by the Bexar County Hospital  
4 District.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 298F.001, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

8 (6) "Assessment Basis" means the statistic upon which  
9 the district determines a paying provider's mandatory payment  
10 amount consistent with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w).

11 SECTION 2. Section 298F.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 298F.004. EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section  
14 298F.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and  
15 operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, 2027  
16 [~~2023~~].

17 (b) This chapter expires December 31, 2027 [~~2023~~].

18 SECTION 3. Section 298F.053, Health and Safety Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 298F.053. INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
21 REPORTING. If the board authorizes the district to participate in a  
22 program under this chapter, the board may [~~shall~~] require each  
23 institutional health care provider to submit to the district a copy  
24 of any financial and utilization data as reported in the provider's

1 Medicare cost report or other reasonable data source, as determined  
2 by the district, submitted for the previous fiscal year or for the  
3 closest subsequent fiscal year for which the provider submitted the  
4 Medicare cost report or other reasonable data source.

5 SECTION 4. Section 298F.103, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by revising Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

7 (c-4) refund to paying providers in proportion to each  
8 paying provider's assessments paid during the twelve months  
9 preceding any such refund [~~a proportionate share of~~] the money that  
10 the district:

11 SECTION 5. The heading to Section 298F.151, Health and  
12 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 298F.151. MANDATORY PAYMENTS BASED ON PAYING PROVIDER  
14 ASSESSMENT BASIS. [~~NET PATIENT REVENUE~~]

15 SECTION 6. Section 298F.151, Health and Safety Code, is  
16 amended by revising Subsections (a), (b) and (c) to read as follows:

17 (a) If the board authorizes a health care provider  
18 participation program under this chapter, the board may require [~~a~~]  
19 mandatory payments [~~payment~~] to be assessed on the Assessment Basis  
20 [~~net patient revenue~~] of each institutional health care provider  
21 located in the district. The board may provide for the mandatory  
22 payments [~~payment~~] to be assessed periodically throughout the year.  
23 The board shall provide an institutional health care provider  
24 written notice of each assessment under this section [~~subsection~~],  
25 and the provider has 30 calendar days following the date of receipt  
26 of the notice to pay the assessment. [~~It~~] The Assessment Basis will  
27 be calculated using the [~~first year in~~] Medicare cost report or

1 other reasonable data source for the most recent fiscal year for  
2 which the [mandatory payment is required, the mandatory payment is  
3 assessed on] institutional health care provider submitted the [net  
4 patient revenue of] report or other reasonable data source. The  
5 district must use the same data source for all institutional health  
6 care providers unless it is unavailable for an institutional health  
7 care provider [ , which is the amount of that revenue as reported in  
8 the provider's Medicare cost report submitted for the previous  
9 fiscal year or for]. If the Assessment Basis is unavailable for any  
10 institutional health care provider under the primary data source  
11 selected by the [closest subsequent fiscal year for which]  
12 district, the [provider submitted the Medicare cost report]  
13 district may rely on an alternative reasonable data source for such  
14 institutional health care provider. If the mandatory payment is  
15 required, the district shall update the amount of the mandatory  
16 payment [on an annual basis] periodically.

17 (b) The amount of a mandatory payment authorized under this  
18 chapter must be determined in a manner that ensures the revenue  
19 generated qualifies for federal matching funds under federal law  
20 consistent with [uniformly proportionate with the amount of net  
21 patient revenue generated by each paying provider in the district  
22 as permitted under federal law. A health care provider  
23 participation program authorized under this chapter may not hold  
24 harmless any institutional health care provider, as required under]  
25 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w).

26 (c) If the board requires a mandatory payment authorized  
27 under this chapter, the board shall set the amount of the mandatory

1 payment, subject to the limitations of this chapter. The aggregate  
2 amount of the mandatory payments required of all paying providers  
3 in the district may not exceed six percent of the aggregate net  
4 patient revenue from hospital services provided [~~by all paying~~  
5 ~~providers~~] in the district.

6 SECTION 7. Section 298F.152, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) A qualifying local government may impose and collect  
9 interest charges and penalties on delinquent mandatory payments  
10 authorized under this chapter in amounts up to the maximum  
11 authorized for any other delinquent payment required to be made to  
12 the district.

13 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.