

Amend SB 1862 by adding the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0462 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0462. VENDOR DRUG PROGRAM; PRICING STANDARD. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, the department shall:

(1) consider a nationally recognized, unbiased pricing standard for prescription drugs in determining reimbursement amounts under the vendor drug program; and

(2) update reimbursement amounts under the vendor drug program at least weekly.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules implementing this section. In adopting rules, the commissioner shall ensure that implementation of this section does not adversely affect the amount of federal funds available to the state for providing benefits under the vendor drug program.