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S.B. No. 865

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to pricing standards used under the Medicaid vendor drug
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.0462 to read as follows:

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

10 (1) base reimbursement amounts under the vendor drug
11 program on a nationally recognized, unbiased pricing standard for
12 prescription drugs; and

13 (2) update reimbursement amounts under the vendor drug
14 program based on that standard at least weekly.

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

20 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
21 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
22 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
23 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
24 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.