

Amend **CSHB 3540** in ARTICLE 7 of the bill, in Section 531.080, Government Code, as added by SECTION 7.01 of the bill, by adding the following new Subsection (e) (page 21, between lines 1 and 2):

(e) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules relating to reimbursing providers that dispense drugs purchased under this section. The rules must ensure that:

(1) beneficiaries of all state-funded and state and federally-funded programs under which drugs purchased pursuant to this section are prescribed or dispensed have sufficient access to pharmaceutical care;

(2) participating pharmacies are fairly and adequately reimbursed; and

(3) all pharmacies that are located in and licensed by this state are given the opportunity to participate in prescription drug programs that distribute or dispense drugs purchased under this section.