

Amend CSSB 809, house committee printing, by inserting the following new SECTION, appropriately numbered, and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter D, Chapter 1506, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1506.160 to read as follows:

Sec. 1506.160. REIMBURSEMENT RATES. The health benefit coverage provided by the pool must provide payment or reimbursement for covered benefits to physicians and other health care providers at the lesser of:

(1) the rate specified in the contract between the physician and other health care provider and the pool or a preferred provider organization or health maintenance organization established by or contracting with the pool; or

(2) the applicable Medicare allowable rate.