

By: West

S.B. No. 500

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prices charged for the provision of health care services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.001, Insurance Code, as effective April 1, 2005, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 552.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter does not apply to the provision of a health care service ~~[to a:~~

~~[(1) Medicaid or Medicare patient, or~~

~~[(2) medically indigent person who qualifies for a sliding fee scale].~~

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to charges for health care services provided on or after the effective date of this Act. Charges for health care services provided before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.