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S.B. No. 1774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to access to certain obstetrical or gynecological care
3 provided by qualified physicians, including family physicians.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1451.255, Insurance Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) A health benefit plan shall provide notice to its
8 female enrollees of their right to select a properly credentialed
9 family physician who provides obstetrical or gynecological care to
10 enrollees within the network to provide the enrollee with health
11 care services described by Subsection (a). The notice must include
12 a listing of properly credentialed family physicians providing
13 obstetrical and gynecological services to enrollees within the
14 network and the notice of available providers required under
15 Section 1451.258.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery,
18 amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006, including a
19 contract that renews from one term to the next in the absence of
20 contrary notice by one of the parties. A health benefit plan that
21 is delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed before
22 January 1, 2006, is governed by the law as it existed immediately
23 before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that
24 purpose.

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