

By: Zedler

H.B. No. 1285

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1285:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to accreditation requirements for certain workers'
3 compensation health care networks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1305, Insurance Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 1305.0061 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1305.0061. NATIONAL ACCREDITATION REQUIRED. (a) In
8 this section, "URAC" means the Utilization Review Accreditation
9 Commission, also known as the American Accreditation Healthcare
10 Commission.

11 (b) An insurance carrier that establishes or contracts with
12 a network certified under this chapter to provide health care
13 services under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act must present
14 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the network is
15 URAC-accredited or accredited by a similar national organization
16 recognized by the commissioner.

17 SECTION 2. An insurance carrier that establishes or
18 contracts with a workers' compensation health care network must
19 comply with Section 1305.0061, Insurance Code, as added by this
20 Act, not later than January 1, 2008.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.