

Amend CSHB 1357 (Senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, strike added Section 843.002(9-a) and substitute the following:

(9-a) "Freestanding emergency medical care facility" means a facility licensed under Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code. A health care plan is not obligated to pay a facility fee to a licensed free standing emergency care facility that is operating less than 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

(2) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 1301.155, Insurance Code (page 7, between lines 51 and 52), insert Section 1301.155(c), Insurance Code, as follows:

(c) An insurer is not obligated to pay a facility fee to a licensed free standing emergency care facility that is operating less than 24 hours a day, seven days a week.