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H.B. No. 1776

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to reimbursement for health care services provided at
3 certain times to persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care
4 program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 533.01315(b), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The commission shall ensure that a federally qualified
9 health center, physician office, rural health clinic, or municipal
10 health department's public clinic is reimbursed for health care
11 services provided to a recipient outside of regular business hours,
12 including on a weekend or holiday, at a rate that is equal to the
13 allowable rate for those services as determined under Section
14 32.028, Human Resources Code, regardless of whether the recipient
15 has a referral from the recipient's primary care provider.

16 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
17 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
18 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
19 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
20 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
21 waiver or authorization is granted.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.