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H.B. No. 2581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the definitions of a discount health care program and a
3 discount care health care program operator.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 76.001(3) and (4), Health and Safety
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (3) "Discount health care program" means a business
8 arrangement or contract in which an entity, in exchange for fees,
9 dues, charges, or other consideration, including access to patient
10 information, offers its members access to discounts on health care
11 services provided by health care providers. The term does not
12 include an insurance policy, certificate of coverage, or other
13 product regulated by the Texas Department of Insurance or a
14 self-funded or self-insured employee benefit plan.

15 (4) "Discount health care program operator" means a
16 person who, in exchange for fees, dues, charges, or other
17 consideration, including access to patient information, operates a
18 discount health care program and contracts with providers, provider
19 networks, or other discount health care program operators to offer
20 access to health care services at a discount and determines the
21 charge to members.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.