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H.B. No. 3141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to medical assistance reimbursement for prescriptions
3 issued by certain health care providers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (z-3) to read as follows:

7 (z-3) Subject to Subsection (z), the department shall
8 provide medical assistance reimbursement to a pharmacy or other
9 health care provider for prescription drugs provided to a medical
10 assistance recipient as authorized by a prescription issued to the
11 recipient by a health care provider whose application for a medical
12 assistance provider number is pending with the department. The
13 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
14 may adopt rules as necessary under which the department will issue a
15 temporary provider number to a health care provider on the
16 provider's submission of an application for a permanent number.
17 The temporary number may be used by the provider when issuing
18 prescriptions subject to this subsection.

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

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