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H.B. No. 3142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reimbursement rates for nursing home services provided  
3 to Medicaid recipients.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.028, Human Resources Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

7 (q) Subject to Subsection (h) and notwithstanding any other  
8 law, rules and standards governing the determination of base rates  
9 paid for nursing home services must ensure that providers of those  
10 services are reimbursed at a rate that is not less than the national  
11 average reimbursement rate paid for those services.

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

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