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S.B. No. 2423

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.