

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB779** by Watson (Relating to expedited credentialing for certain individual health care providers providing services under a managed care plan.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow non-physician health care providers that join a group of other non-physicians to request expedited credentialing. The bill would result in the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) receiving an increase in complaints from providers who are denied expedited credentialing. TDI indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 454 Department of Insurance

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