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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the payment for services provided by certain types of
3 health care practitioners under contracts between the
4 practitioners and managed care health benefit plans.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 1451.1041 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1451.1041. NONDISCRIMINATORY PAYMENT OF NETWORK
9 PRACTITIONERS. (a) In this section, "managed care plan" means a
10 plan under which a health maintenance organization, preferred
11 provider benefit plan issuer, or other organization provides or
12 arranges for health care benefits to plan participants and requires
13 or encourages plan participants to use health care practitioners
14 the plan designates.

15 (b) In entering into contracts for the provision of health
16 care services to managed care plan participants by health care
17 practitioners eligible to be selected under this subchapter, the
18 issuer of a managed care plan may not differentiate among those
19 types of practitioners in the amount to be paid by the plan issuer,
20 or the method to be used by the plan issuer to compute the amount to
21 be paid by the plan issuer, for the performance of a covered
22 physical modality or procedure that is within the scope of the
23 license of more than one of those types of practitioners.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

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1 to contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date
2 of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.