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H.B. No. 914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reimbursement rates for certain therapy services provided to Medicaid recipients.

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

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

(o) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, in adopting reasonable rules and standards governing the determination of rates paid for physical, occupational, or speech therapy services under the medical assistance program, shall ensure that providers holding the same professional license and located in the same geographical region are reimbursed for the provision of a particular service at an equal rate, regardless of:

(1) the setting in which the service is provided; or

(2) whether the provider practices as a sole practitioner or is associated with or employed by another provider.

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

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