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H.B. No. 3565

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibition of notification forms from health benefit
3 plan issuers intended to intimidate patients; adding a provision
4 subject to a criminal penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [843.363](#), Insurance Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A health maintenance organization may not, as a
9 condition of payment with a physician, dentist, or provider, or in
10 any other manner, require a physician, dentist, or provider to
11 provide a notification form stating that the physician, dentist, or
12 provider is not a participating provider to a current, prospective,
13 or former patient, or a person designated by the patient, if the
14 form contains additional information that is intended, or is
15 otherwise required to be presented in a manner that is intended, to
16 intimidate the patient.

17 SECTION 2. Section [1301.067](#), Insurance Code, is amended by
18 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

19 (a-1) An insurer may not, as a condition of payment with a
20 physician or health care provider or in any other manner, require a
21 physician or health care provider to provide a notification form
22 stating that the physician or health care provider is not a
23 preferred provider to a current, prospective, or former patient, or
24 a person designated by the patient, if the form contains additional

1 information that is intended, or is otherwise required to be
2 presented in a manner that is intended, to intimidate the patient.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.