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H.B. No. 1428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to mediation of the settlement of certain out-of-network
3 health benefit claims involving balance billing for members of the
4 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections [1467.001](#)(1) and (3), Insurance Code,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (1) "Administrator" means:

9 (A) an administering firm for a health benefit
10 plan providing coverage under Chapter [1551](#), [1575](#), or [1579](#); and

11 (B) if applicable, the claims administrator for
12 the health benefit plan.

13 (3) "Enrollee" means an individual who is eligible to
14 receive benefits through a preferred provider benefit plan or a
15 health benefit plan under Chapter [1551](#), [1575](#), or [1579](#).

16 SECTION 2. Section [1467.002](#), Insurance Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 1467.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter
19 applies to:

20 (1) a preferred provider benefit plan offered by an
21 insurer under Chapter [1301](#); and

22 (2) an administrator of a health benefit plan, other
23 than a health maintenance organization plan, under Chapter [1551](#),
24 [1575](#), or [1579](#).

1 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 a health benefit claim for a medical service or supply provided on
3 or after January 1, 2018. A claim for a medical service or supply
4 provided before January 1, 2018, is governed by the law as it
5 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that
6 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.