

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 1428
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2017;
 1-3 May 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 8, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Hughes	X			
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Estes	X			
1-12 Lucio			X	
1-13 Nelson	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to mediation of the settlement of certain out-of-network
 1-20 health benefit claims involving balance billing for members of the
 1-21 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 1467.001(1) and (3), Insurance Code,
 1-24 are amended to read as follows:

1-25 (1) "Administrator" means:

1-26 (A) an administering firm for a health benefit
 1-27 plan providing coverage under Chapter 1551, 1575, or 1579; and

1-28 (B) if applicable, the claims administrator for
 1-29 the health benefit plan.

1-30 (3) "Enrollee" means an individual who is eligible to
 1-31 receive benefits through a preferred provider benefit plan or a
 1-32 health benefit plan under Chapter 1551, 1575, or 1579.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 1467.002, Insurance Code, is amended to
 1-34 read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 1467.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter
 1-36 applies to:

1-37 (1) a preferred provider benefit plan offered by an
 1-38 insurer under Chapter 1301; and

1-39 (2) an administrator of a health benefit plan, other
 1-40 than a health maintenance organization plan, under Chapter 1551,
 1-41 1575, or 1579.

1-42 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-43 a health benefit claim for a medical service or supply provided on
 1-44 or after January 1, 2018. A claim for a medical service or supply
 1-45 provided before January 1, 2018, is governed by the law as it
 1-46 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that
 1-47 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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