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H.B. No. 2558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to capitation payments under a contract with a health
3 maintenance organization for the provision of dental care services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 843.3115, Insurance Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) If a contract between a health maintenance organization
8 and a dentist or an entity that provides dental care services uses
9 capitation as a method of compensation, the contract must provide
10 that the health maintenance organization pay the capitated amount
11 for an enrollee to an individual dentist licensed under Chapter
12 256, Occupations Code, that is selected by or assigned to the
13 enrollee as the enrollee's primary care dentist.

14 SECTION 2. Section 843.3115(c), Insurance Code, as added by
15 this Act, applies only to a contract between a health maintenance
16 organization and a dentist or entity that provides dental care
17 services entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A
18 contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is
19 governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective
20 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.