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H.B. No. 2942

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2942:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to network adequacy standards adopted by the commissioner of insurance for preferred provider benefit plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.0055, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.0055. NETWORK ADEQUACY STANDARDS. The commissioner shall by rule adopt network adequacy standards that:

(1) are adapted to local markets in which an insurer offering a preferred provider benefit plan operates;

(2) ensure availability of, and accessibility to, a full range of contracted physicians and health care providers to provide health care services to insureds; ~~and~~

(3) on good cause shown, may allow departure from local market network adequacy standards if the commissioner posts on the department's Internet website the name of the preferred provider plan, the insurer offering the plan, and the affected local market; and

(4) hold insurers accountable for the networks the insurers utilize and for any departure from network adequacy standards.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.