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H.B. No. 3870

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required disclosures by certain health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 324, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY CERTAIN FACILITIES

Sec. 324.151. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only to:

(1) an ambulatory surgical center licensed under Chapter 243; and

(2) a hospital licensed under Chapter 241.

Sec. 324.152. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE ON INTERNET WEBSITE. A facility subject to this subchapter shall post on the facility's Internet website:

(1) a listing of the health benefit plans in which the facility is a participating provider in the health benefit plan's provider network; and

(2) a statement informing consumers that:

(A) physician services provided in the facility are not included in the facility's billed charges and the consumer may receive a bill for medical services from a physician for the amount unpaid by the consumer's health benefit plan;

(B) a physician who may provide services to the consumer while the consumer is in the facility may not be a

1 participating provider with the same third-party payors as the
2 facility; and

3 (C) the consumer should contact the physician
4 arranging the facility services to determine if the physician is a
5 participating provider in the provider network of the consumer's
6 health benefit plan.

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