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H.B. No. 4194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of health benefit plan provider network status for certain facility-based physicians.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 1456.004, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1456.004. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES [~~DISCLOSURE~~]: FACILITY-BASED PHYSICIANS.

SECTION 2. Section 1456.004, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) At least 48 hours before an enrollee's scheduled arrival at a health care facility for an elective nonemergency service, a facility-based physician who is to perform or assist in performing the service shall notify the enrollee if the facility-based physician is not within the enrollee's health benefit plan provider network.

SECTION 3. Section 1456.004, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a service provided on or after September 3, 2017. A service provided before September 3, 2017, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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