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H.B. No. 4197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the prohibition or denial for the use of certain types
3 of health benefit plans or payment methods.

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

5 SECTION 1. A health care provider may not discriminate
6 against, nor deny service to, a patient because the patient or the
7 patient's agent or a third-party payor utilizes cash, a
8 reference-based health plan, or some other form of payment.

9 SECTION 2. Health care providers and carriers are
10 prohibited from requiring the use of a third-party plan if the
11 patient or patient's payor choses to pay in cash or with some
12 alternative form of payment.

13 SECTION 3. The commissioner shall adopt rules to effectuate
14 this policy.

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