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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 293C to read as follows:

CHAPTER 293C. COUNTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM IN CERTAIN COUNTIES NOT BORDERING CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 293C.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Institutional health care provider" means a nonpublic hospital that provides inpatient hospital services.

(2) "Paying hospital" means an institutional health care provider required to make a mandatory payment under this chapter.

(3) "Program" means a county health care provider participation program authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 293C.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a county that:

(1) is not served by a hospital district or a public hospital;

(2) has a population of more than 125,000 and less than 140,000; and

(3) is not adjacent to a county with a population of

1 one million or more.

2 Sec. 293C.003. COUNTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION  
3 PROGRAM. (a) A county health care provider participation program  
4 authorizes a county to collect a mandatory payment from each  
5 institutional health care provider located in the county to be  
6 deposited in a local provider participation fund established by the  
7 county. Money in the fund may be used by the county to fund certain  
8 intergovernmental transfers and indigent care programs as provided  
9 by this chapter.

10 (b) The commissioners court of a county may adopt an order  
11 authorizing the county to participate in the program, subject to  
12 the limitations provided by this chapter.

13 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

14 Sec. 293C.051. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE MANDATORY  
15 PAYMENT. The commissioners court of a county may require a  
16 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter by an institutional  
17 health care provider in the county only in the manner provided by  
18 this chapter.

19 Sec. 293C.052. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED. The commissioners  
20 court of a county may not authorize the county to collect a  
21 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter without an  
22 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the commissioners  
23 court.

24 Sec. 293C.053. RULES AND PROCEDURES. After the  
25 commissioners court of a county has voted to require a mandatory  
26 payment authorized under this chapter, the commissioners court may  
27 adopt rules relating to the administration of the mandatory

1 payment.

2 Sec. 293C.054. INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
3 REPORTING; INSPECTION OF RECORDS. (a) The commissioners court of a  
4 county that collects a mandatory payment authorized under this  
5 chapter shall require each institutional health care provider  
6 located in the county to submit to the county a copy of any  
7 financial and utilization data required by and reported to the  
8 Department of State Health Services under Sections 311.032 and  
9 311.033 and any rules adopted by the executive commissioner of the  
10 Health and Human Services Commission to implement those sections.

11 (b) The commissioners court of a county that collects a  
12 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter may inspect the  
13 records of an institutional health care provider to the extent  
14 necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of Subsection  
15 (a).

16 SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

17 Sec. 293C.101. HEARING. (a) Each year, the commissioners  
18 court of a county that collects a mandatory payment authorized  
19 under this chapter shall hold a public hearing on the amounts of any  
20 mandatory payments that the commissioners court intends to require  
21 during the year.

22 (b) Not later than the fifth day before the date of the  
23 hearing required under Subsection (a), the commissioners court of  
24 the county shall publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of  
25 general circulation in the county.

26 (c) A representative of a paying hospital is entitled to  
27 appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding any matter

1 related to the mandatory payments authorized under this chapter.

2 Sec. 293C.102. DEPOSITORY. (a) The commissioners court of  
3 each county that collects a mandatory payment authorized under this  
4 chapter by resolution shall designate one or more banks located in  
5 the county as the depository for mandatory payments received by the  
6 county.

7 (b) All income received by a county under this chapter,  
8 including the revenue from mandatory payments remaining after  
9 discounts and fees for assessing and collecting the payments are  
10 deducted, shall be deposited with the county depository in the  
11 county's local provider participation fund and may be withdrawn  
12 only as provided by this chapter.

13 (c) All funds under this chapter shall be secured in the  
14 manner provided for securing county funds.

15 Sec. 293C.103. LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND;  
16 AUTHORIZED USES OF MONEY. (a) Each county that collects a  
17 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter shall create a  
18 local provider participation fund.

19 (b) The local provider participation fund of a county  
20 consists of:

21 (1) all revenue received by the county attributable to  
22 mandatory payments authorized under this chapter, including any  
23 penalties and interest attributable to delinquent payments;

24 (2) money received from the Health and Human Services  
25 Commission as a refund of an intergovernmental transfer from the  
26 county to the state for the purpose of providing the nonfederal  
27 share of Medicaid supplemental payment program payments, provided

1 that the intergovernmental transfer does not receive a federal  
2 matching payment; and

3 (3) the earnings of the fund.

4 (c) Money deposited to the local provider participation  
5 fund may be used only to:

6 (1) fund intergovernmental transfers from the county  
7 to the state to provide:

8 (A) the nonfederal share of a Medicaid  
9 supplemental payment program authorized under the state Medicaid  
10 plan, the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement  
11 Program waiver issued under Section 1115 of the federal Social  
12 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315), or a successor waiver  
13 program authorizing similar Medicaid supplemental payment  
14 programs; or

15 (B) payments to Medicaid managed care  
16 organizations that are dedicated for payment to hospitals;

17 (2) subsidize indigent programs;

18 (3) pay the administrative expenses of the county  
19 solely for activities under this chapter;

20 (4) refund a portion of a mandatory payment collected  
21 in error from a paying hospital; and

22 (5) refund to paying hospitals the proportionate share  
23 of money received by the county that is not used to fund the  
24 nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program  
25 payments.

26 (d) Money in the local provider participation fund may not  
27 be commingled with other county funds.

1       (e) An intergovernmental transfer of funds described by  
2 Subsection (c)(1) and any funds received by the county as a result  
3 of an intergovernmental transfer described by that subsection may  
4 not be used by the county or any other entity to expand Medicaid  
5 eligibility under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
6 (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education  
7 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152).

8                   SUBCHAPTER D. MANDATORY PAYMENTS

9       Sec. 293C.151. MANDATORY PAYMENTS BASED ON PAYING HOSPITAL  
10 NET PATIENT REVENUE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the  
11 commissioners court of a county that collects a mandatory payment  
12 authorized under this chapter may require an annual mandatory  
13 payment to be assessed on the net patient revenue of each  
14 institutional health care provider located in the county. The  
15 commissioners court may provide for the mandatory payment to be  
16 assessed quarterly. In the first year in which the mandatory  
17 payment is required, the mandatory payment is assessed on the net  
18 patient revenue of an institutional health care provider as  
19 determined by the data reported to the Department of State Health  
20 Services under Sections [311.032](#) and [311.033](#) in the fiscal year  
21 ending in 2017 or, if the institutional health care provider did not  
22 report any data under those sections in that fiscal year, as  
23 determined by the institutional health care provider's Medicare  
24 cost report submitted for the 2017 fiscal year or for the closest  
25 subsequent fiscal year for which the provider submitted the  
26 Medicare cost report. The county shall update the amount of the  
27 mandatory payment on an annual basis.

1       (b) The amount of a mandatory payment authorized under this  
2 chapter must be uniformly proportionate with the amount of net  
3 patient revenue generated by each paying hospital in the county. A  
4 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter may not hold  
5 harmless any institutional health care provider, as required under  
6 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w).

7       (c) The commissioners court of a county that collects a  
8 mandatory payment authorized under this chapter shall set the  
9 amount of the mandatory payment. The amount of the mandatory  
10 payment required of each paying hospital may not exceed six percent  
11 of the hospital's net patient revenue.

12       (d) Subject to the maximum amount prescribed by Subsection  
13 (c), the commissioners court of a county that collects a mandatory  
14 payment authorized under this chapter shall set the mandatory  
15 payments in amounts that in the aggregate will generate sufficient  
16 revenue to cover the administrative expenses of the county for  
17 activities under this chapter, to fund an intergovernmental  
18 transfer described by Section 293C.103(c)(1), and to pay for  
19 indigent programs, except that the amount of revenue from mandatory  
20 payments used for administrative expenses of the county for  
21 activities under this chapter in a year may not exceed the lesser of  
22 four percent of the total revenue generated from the mandatory  
23 payment or \$20,000.

24       (e) A paying hospital may not add a mandatory payment  
25 required under this section as a surcharge to a patient.

26       Sec. 293C.152. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF MANDATORY  
27 PAYMENTS. The county may collect or contract for the assessment and

1 collection of mandatory payments authorized under this chapter.

2 Sec. 293C.153. INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND DISCOUNTS.

3 Interest, penalties, and discounts on mandatory payments required  
4 under this chapter are governed by the law applicable to county ad  
5 valorem taxes.

6 Sec. 293C.154. PURPOSE; CORRECTION OF INVALID PROVISION OR

7 PROCEDURE. (a) The purpose of this chapter is to generate revenue  
8 by collecting from institutional health care providers a mandatory  
9 payment to be used to provide an intergovernmental transfer  
10 described by Section 293C.103(c)(1).

11 (b) To the extent any provision or procedure under this  
12 chapter causes a mandatory payment authorized under this chapter to  
13 be ineligible for federal matching funds, the county may provide by  
14 rule for an alternative provision or procedure that conforms to the  
15 requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
16 Services.

17 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.