

By: Lucio III

H.B. No. 1757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of an insured to select a pharmacist under the insured's health insurance policy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1451.001, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (13-a) to read as follows:

(13-a) "Pharmacist" means an individual licensed to practice pharmacy by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1451.128 to read as follows:

Sec. 1451.128. SELECTION OF PHARMACIST. An insured may select a pharmacist to provide the services scheduled in the health insurance policy that are within the scope of the pharmacist's license to practice pharmacy under Subtitle J, Title 3, Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Section 1451.128, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020. An insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2020, 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, 2019.