

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 (13-a) "Pharmacist" means an individual licensed to
8 practice pharmacy by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

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

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

16 SECTION 3. Section 1451.128, Insurance Code, as added by
17 this Act, applies only to an insurance policy delivered, issued for
18 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020. An insurance
19 policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1,
20 2020, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
21 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
22 that purpose.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1757 was passed by the House on April 18, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1757 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor