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H.B. No. 3230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an expedited credentialing process for certain Medicaid providers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.001, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-c) to read as follows:

(4-c) "Medicaid managed care organization" means a managed care organization as defined by Section 533.001 that contracts with the commission under Chapter 533 to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients.

SECTION 2. Section 531.02118, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(c) In streamlining the Medicaid provider credentialing process under this section, the commission may designate a centralized credentialing entity and may:

(1) share information in the database established under Subchapter C, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, with the centralized credentialing entity; and

(2) require all Medicaid managed care organizations ~~[contracting with the commission to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients under a managed care plan issued by the organization]~~ to use the centralized credentialing entity as a hub for the collection and sharing of information.

1 (e) The commission shall develop an expedited credentialing
2 process for a physician licensed in this state and require all
3 Medicaid managed care organizations to use the process.

4 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
5 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
6 Services Commission shall develop and implement the expedited
7 credentialing process described by Section [531.02118\(e\)](#),
8 Government Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
10 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
11 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
12 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
13 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
14 waiver or authorization is granted.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.