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H.B. No. 3485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the billing codes used for the administration of tissue
3 plasminogen activator by ambulance providers under the Medicaid and
4 Medicare programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.024136 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.024136. MEDICAID BILLING CODE FOR TISSUE
9 PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR ADMINISTERED BY AMBULANCE PROVIDERS. The
10 executive commissioner by rule shall adopt a specific procedure or
11 other billing code under Medicaid for the administration of tissue
12 plasminogen activator by an ambulance provider.

13 SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of
14 this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall request
15 that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or other
16 appropriate federal agency adopt a specific procedure or other
17 billing code for the administration of tissue plasminogen activator
18 by an ambulance provider under the Medicare program.

19 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
20 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
21 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
22 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
23 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
24 waiver or authorization is granted.

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