

1-1 By: Frank (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 3934
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019;
1-3 May 6, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 14, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of rural hospitals to establish a health
1-20 care collaborative.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 848.001, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (10) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (2) "Health care collaborative" means an entity:

1-26 (A) that undertakes to arrange for medical and
1-27 health care services for insurers, health maintenance
1-28 organizations, and other payors in exchange for payments in cash or
1-29 in kind;

1-30 (B) that accepts and distributes payments for
1-31 medical and health care services;

1-32 (C) that consists of:

1-33 (i) physicians;

1-34 (ii) rural hospitals;

1-35 (iii) physicians and other health care
1-36 providers;

1-37 (iv) [~~(iii)~~] physicians and insurers or
1-38 health maintenance organizations; or

1-39 (v) [~~(iv)~~] physicians, other health care
1-40 providers, and insurers or health maintenance organizations; and

1-41 (D) that is certified by the commissioner under
1-42 this chapter to lawfully accept and distribute payments to
1-43 physicians and other health care providers using the reimbursement
1-44 methodologies authorized by this chapter.

1-45 (10) "Rural hospital" means a licensed hospital with
1-46 75 beds or fewer that:

1-47 (A) is located in a county with a population of
1-48 50,000 or less; or

1-49 (B) has been designated by the Centers for
1-50 Medicare and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital, rural
1-51 referral center, or sole community hospital.

1-52 SECTION 2. Section 848.052, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-53 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-54 (c-1) If the participants in a health care collaborative are
1-55 all rural hospitals, each member of the board of directors must be a
1-56 representative of a participant.

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-58 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-59 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-60 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-61 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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