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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prohibited practices by an insurer that issues a  
3 preferred provider benefit plan regarding communication of the  
4 preferred provider status of freestanding emergency medical care  
5 facilities.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1301, Insurance Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 1301.0059 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1301.0059. COMMUNICATION OF PREFERRED PROVIDER STATUS  
10 OF FREESTANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES. It is an unfair  
11 method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice  
12 under Chapter 541 for an insurer to prevent, by contract or  
13 otherwise, a freestanding emergency medical care facility that is a  
14 preferred provider from communicating with the public that the  
15 facility is in the insurer's preferred provider network.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.