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S.B. No. 1235

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enrollment of health care providers in Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.02118, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(e) The commission shall enroll a provider as a Medicaid provider, without requiring the provider to separately apply for enrollment through the entity serving as the state's Medicaid claims administrator, if the provider is:

(1) credentialed by a managed care organization that contracts with the commission under Chapter 533; or

(2) enrolled as a Medicare provider.

(f) The commission shall track the number of providers that enroll as Medicaid providers through each type of enrollment process described by Subsection (e), including the enrollment process through the entity serving as the state's Medicaid claims administrator.

(g) The commission shall develop a process to streamline the Medicaid enrollment of a provider who:

(1) provides services to a recipient who is also enrolled in a private group health benefit plan; and

(2) is enrolled as a provider in that group health benefit plan.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act

1 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
2 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
3 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
4 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
5 waiver or authorization is granted.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.