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S.B. No. 1795

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to notice by certain managed care entities of changes to  
3 reimbursement amounts applicable to certain physicians and health  
4 care providers.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 1453, Insurance Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 1453. DISCLOSURE OF REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES AND AMOUNTS  
9 UNDER MANAGED CARE PLAN

10 SECTION 2. Section 1453.001, Insurance Code, is amended by  
11 adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

12 (4) "Physician" means an individual licensed to  
13 practice medicine in this or another state.

14 SECTION 3. Chapter 1453, Insurance Code, is amended by  
15 adding Section 1453.004 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 1453.004. NOTICE OF CHANGE TO REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.

17 (a) A managed care entity shall provide to each physician and  
18 health care provider under contract with the managed care entity  
19 notice of any change to a reimbursement amount that will be paid to  
20 the physician or health care provider for a good or service provided  
21 by the physician or health care provider. The notice must be  
22 provided before the effective date of the change.

23 (b) The notice required by this section must be sent:

24 (1) directly to each physician or health care provider

1 that may be affected by the reimbursement amount change; and  
2 (2) in a manner that is trackable and indicates the  
3 date and time the notice was sent, including:  
4 (A) by certified mail, return receipt requested,  
5 to the physician's or provider's address; or  
6 (B) by e-mail to an e-mail address specified by  
7 the physician or provider.

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