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H.B. No. 3419

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation and reimbursement of certain children's hospitals under Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (rr) to read as follows:

(rr) A children's hospital that meets Medicare participation requirements may enroll as a provider and receive reimbursement under the medical assistance program regardless of whether the hospital participates in the Medicare program. The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection, including rules governing the application and enrollment process for a children's hospital seeking to participate in the medical assistance program as a Medicaid-only hospital under this subsection.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.