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H.B. No. 4216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid managed care accreditation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.0031, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The Commission may not award a managed care organization a contract to provide services under the state's Medicaid Managed Care Program unless that managed care organization has been accredited or has initiated the process of becoming accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization that:

(1) is required by no fewer than ten state Medicaid programs as a sole accreditor;

(2) distinguishes managed care organizations for the integration of long-term services and supports; and

(3) distinguishes managed care organizations for their ability to provide culturally and linguistically sensitive services, and work to reduce health care disparities.

SECTION 2. Changes made by this Act apply only to a contract awarded by the Health and Human Services Commission on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.