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S.B. No. 1625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to minimum standards for end stage renal disease facilities regarding treatment provided during certain disasters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 251.014, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The rules adopted under Section 251.003 must contain minimum standards to protect the health and safety of a patient of an end stage renal disease facility, including standards for:

(1) the qualifications and supervision of the professional staff, including physicians, and other personnel;

(2) the equipment used by the facility is compatible with the health and safety of the patients;

(3) the sanitary and hygienic conditions in the facility;

(4) quality assurance for patient care;

(5) the provision and coordination of treatment and services by the facility;

(6) clinical records maintained by the facility;

(7) design and space requirements for the facility for safe access by patients and personnel and for ensuring patient privacy;

(8) indicators of the quality of care provided by the

1 facility; ~~and~~

2 (9) water treatment and reuse by the facility; and

3 (10) the continued treatment of patients during a
4 public health disaster declared under Chapter 81 or a state of
5 disaster declared under Chapter 418, Government Code, related to
6 public health, including the adoption of an emergency operation
7 plan approved by the commission.

8 (c) The standards described by Subsection (a)(10) must
9 prohibit a facility from closing or reducing its hours of operation
10 during a disaster described by that subsection unless the facility
11 obtains permission from the commission before the closure or
12 reduction in hours.

13 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
14 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
15 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
16 Section 251.014, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

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