

AN ACT

relating to the application of balance billing prohibitions and out-of-network dispute resolution procedures to certain self-insured or self-funded employee welfare benefit plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1275.002, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1275.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies only to:

(1) a health benefit plan offered by a nonprofit agricultural organization under Chapter 1682; and

(2) a health benefit plan:

(A) that is a self-insured or self-funded plan established by an employer for the benefit of the employer's employees in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.); and

(B) for which the plan sponsor has made an election, submitted to the commissioner in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to apply this chapter to the plan for the relevant plan year.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules necessary to implement the change in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1592 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1592 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor