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H.B. No. 335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payments and reimbursements for noncontracting and contracting provider dentists under certain health benefit plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1451.206(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The employee benefit plan or health insurance policy shall:

(1) provide:

~~(A) [that payment or reimbursement for a noncontracting provider dentist shall be the same as payment or reimbursement for a contracting provider dentist,~~

~~[(B)]~~ that the party to or beneficiary of the plan or policy may assign the right to payment or reimbursement to the dentist who provides the dental care services; and

(B) ~~[(C)]~~ one or more methods of payment or reimbursement that provide the dentist 100 percent of the contracted amount of the payment or reimbursement and that do not require the dentist to incur a fee to access the payment or reimbursement; and

(2) disclose on the Internet website required under Section 1451.205 and on request of a dentist or a party to or beneficiary of the plan or policy the fees, if any, associated with the methods of payment or reimbursement available under the plan or

1 policy.

2 SECTION 2. Section [1451.206](#), Insurance Code, as amended by
3 this Act, applies only to a health benefit plan delivered, issued
4 for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026. A plan
5 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2026,
6 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
7 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
8 that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.