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H.B. No. 721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain laws requiring health care cost disclosures by health benefit plan issuers and administrators.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1662.003(b) and (c), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, this chapter applies to:

(1) a small employer health benefit plan subject to Chapter 1501, including coverage provided through a health group cooperative under Subchapter B of that chapter;

(2) a standard health benefit plan issued under Chapter 1507;

(3) a basic coverage plan under Chapter 1551;

(4) a basic plan under Chapter 1575;

(5) a primary care coverage plan under Chapter 1579;

(6) a plan providing basic coverage under Chapter 1601; and

~~(7) [a regional or local health care program operated under Section 75.104, Health and Safety Code, and~~

~~[(8)]~~ a self-funded health benefit plan sponsored by a professional employer organization under Chapter 91, Labor Code.

(c) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a health reimbursement arrangement or other account-based health benefit plan;

- 1 (2) ~~[or]~~ a workers' compensation insurance policy; or
2 (3) a regional or local health care program operated
3 under Section 75.104, Health and Safety Code.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.