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H.B. No. 1942

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation of an advanced practice registered
3 nurse as a participating or preferred provider for health
4 maintenance organizations and preferred provider benefit plans.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 843, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 843.3125 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 843.3125. CONTRACTS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
9 NURSES. (a) A health maintenance organization may contract
10 directly with an advanced practice registered nurse to provide
11 health care services on behalf of the health maintenance
12 organization regardless of whether the physician supervising the
13 advanced practice registered nurse provides health care services
14 for the health maintenance organization.

15 (b) This section may not be construed as authorizing a
16 health maintenance organization to supervise or control the
17 practice of medicine as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3,
18 Occupations Code.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 1301, Insurance Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 1301.0525 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 1301.0525. DESIGNATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE
22 REGISTERED NURSES AS PREFERRED PROVIDERS. (a) An insurer offering
23 a preferred provider benefit plan may designate an advanced
24 practice registered nurse as a preferred provider regardless of

1 whether the physician supervising the advanced practice registered
2 nurse is a preferred provider.

3 (b) This section may not be construed as authorizing an
4 insurer to supervise or control the practice of medicine as
5 prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

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