

By: Morgan

H.B. No. 4603

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4603:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to eligibility for mediation of certain out-of-network
3 health benefit claims.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [1467.054](#)(a), Insurance Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) Not later than the 90th day after the date an
8 out-of-network provider receives an initial payment for a health
9 care or medical service or supply, an [An] out-of-network provider
10 or a health benefit plan issuer or administrator may request
11 mandatory mediation under this subchapter.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply to
13 a health care or medical service or supply provided:

14 (1) on or after the 30th day after the effective date
15 of this Act; or

16 (2) before the 30th day after the effective date of
17 this Act, if an out-of-network provider or health benefit plan
18 issuer or administrator requests mandatory mediation under
19 Subchapter [B](#), Chapter [1467](#), Insurance Code, as amended by this Act,
20 in relation to payment for the service or supply on or before the
21 120th day after the effective date of this Act.

22 (b) A health care or medical service or supply provided
23 before the 30th day after the effective date of this Act to which
24 Subsection (a) of this section does not apply is governed by the law

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1 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
2 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.