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S.B. No. 916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to consumer protections against certain medical and health
- 3 care billing by emergency medical services providers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 773.061, Health and Safety Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:
- 7 (a-1) In addition to other permissible actions or penalties
- 8 and regardless of whether an emergency medical services provider is
- 9 directly operated by a governmental entity, the department may
- 10 revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license or certificate of the
- 11 provider if the department confirms that the provider has:
- 12 (1) intentionally submitted incorrect information
- 13 required under Section 38.006, Insurance Code; or
- 14 (2) engaged in a pattern of violations of Section
- 15 1271.159, 1275.054, 1301.166, 1551.231, 1575.174, or 1579.112,
- 16 Insurance Code.
- 17 SECTION 2. Section 38.006(b), Insurance Code, is amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 (b) This section expires September 1, 2027 [2025].
- SECTION 3. Sections 1271.159(c) and (g), Insurance Code,
- 21 are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (c) A political subdivision may annually [health
- 23 maintenance organization shall adjust a rate submitted under
- 24 Section 38.006 [payment required by Subsection (b)(1) each plan

- 1 year] by not more than [increasing the payment by] the lesser of:
- 2 (1) the Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor; [Index]
- 3 or
- 4 <u>(2)</u> 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 5 year rates.
- 6 (g) This section expires September 1, 2027 [2025].
- 7 SECTION 4. Sections 1275.054(c) and (f), Insurance Code,
- 8 are amended to read as follows:
- 9 (c) A political subdivision may annually [The administrator
- 10 shall adjust a rate submitted under Section 38.006 [payment
- 11 required by Subsection (b)(1) each plan year] by not more than
- 12 [increasing the payment by] the lesser of:
- 13 (1) the Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor; [Index]
- 14 or
- 15 (2) 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 16 year rates.
- 17 (f) This section expires September 1, 2027 [$\frac{2025}{2025}$].
- SECTION 5. Sections 1301.166(c) and (g), Insurance Code,
- 19 are amended to read as follows:
- 20 (c) <u>A political</u> subdivision may annually [An insurer shall]
- 21 adjust a rate submitted under Section 38.006 [payment required by
- 22 Subsection (b)(1) each plan year] by not more than [increasing the
- 23 payment by] the lesser of:
- 24 (1) the Medicare <u>Ambulance</u> Inflation <u>Factor</u>; [Index]
- 25 or
- 26 <u>(2)</u> 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 27 year rates.

- 1 (g) This section expires September 1, 2027 [2025].
- 2 SECTION 6. Sections 1551.231(c) and (f), Insurance Code,
- 3 are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (c) A political subdivision may annually [The administrator
- 5 shall adjust a rate submitted under Section 38.006 [payment
- 6 required by Subsection (b)(1) each plan year] by not more than
- 7 [increasing the payment by] the lesser of:
- 8 (1) the Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor; [Index]
- 9 or
- 10 (2) 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 11 year rates.
- 12 (f) This section expires September 1, 2027 [$\frac{2025}{2025}$].
- SECTION 7. Sections 1575.174(c) and (f), Insurance Code,
- 14 are amended to read as follows:
- 15 (c) A political subdivision may annually [The administrator
- 16 shall adjust a rate submitted under Section 38.006 [payment
- 17 required by Subsection (b)(1) each plan year] by not more than
- 18 [increasing the payment by] the lesser of:
- 19 (1) the Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor; [Index]
- 20 or
- 21 <u>(2)</u> 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 22 year rates.
- 23 (f) This section expires September 1, 2027 [2025].
- SECTION 8. Sections 1579.112(c) and (f), Insurance Code,
- 25 are amended to read as follows:
- 26 (c) A political subdivision may annually [The administrator
- 27 shall adjust a rate submitted under Section 38.006 [payment

- 1 required by Subsection (b)(1) each plan year] by not more than
- 2 [increasing the payment by] the lesser of:
- 3 (1) the Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor; [Index]
- 4 or
- 5 (2) 10 percent of the provider's previous calendar
- 6 year rates.
- 7 (f) This section expires September 1, 2027 [2025].
- 8 SECTION 9. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 9 emergency medical services provided on or after the effective date
- 10 of this Act. Emergency medical services provided before the
- 11 effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect
- 12 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
- 13 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 14 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.