

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 1467.054(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 180th day after the date an out-of-network provider receives an initial payment for a health care or medical service or supply, an ~~An~~ out-of-network provider or a health benefit plan issuer or administrator may request mandatory mediation under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a dispute regarding charges for a health care or medical service or supply provided on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A dispute regarding charges for a health care or medical service or supply provided before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act if mediation of the dispute under Subchapter B, Chapter 1467, Insurance Code, is requested on or before the 120th day after the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(c) If mediation of a dispute under Subchapter B, Chapter 1467, Insurance Code, regarding charges for a health care or

1 medical service or supply provided before the effective date of  
2 this Act is not requested on or before the 120th day after the  
3 effective date of this Act, the dispute is not eligible for  
4 mediation under that subchapter.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2544 passed the Senate on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2544 passed the House, with amendment, on May 9, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 5, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor