

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 2544
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 April 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 28, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-9	Kolkhorst	X		PNV
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Blanco	X		
1-12	Cook	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hancock	X		
1-15	Hughes	X		
1-16	Miles	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2544 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to eligibility for mediation of certain out-of-network
1-22 health benefit claims.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 1467.054(a), Insurance Code, is amended
1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (a) Not later than the 90th day after the date an
1-27 out-of-network provider receives an initial payment for a health
1-28 care or medical service or supply, an [An] out-of-network provider
1-29 or a health benefit plan issuer or administrator may request
1-30 mandatory mediation under this subchapter.

1-31 SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply
1-32 only to a dispute regarding charges for a health care or medical
1-33 service or supply provided on or after the effective date of this
1-34 Act.

1-35 (b) A dispute regarding charges for a health care or medical
1-36 service or supply provided before the effective date of this Act is
1-37 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
1-38 of this Act if mediation of the dispute under Subchapter B, Chapter
1-39 1467, Insurance Code, is requested on or before the 120th day after
1-40 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
1-41 for that purpose.

1-42 (c) If mediation of a dispute under Subchapter B, Chapter
1-43 1467, Insurance Code, regarding charges for a health care or
1-44 medical service or supply provided before the effective date of
1-45 this Act is not requested on or before the 120th day after the
1-46 effective date of this Act, the dispute is not eligible for
1-47 mediation under that subchapter.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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