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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.