

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1494
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Estes	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Whitmire	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to preauthorization and concurrent review of certain
 1-20 health care services under the workers' compensation system.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 413.014, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (c) The commissioner's rules adopted under this section
 1-26 must provide that preauthorization and concurrent review are
 1-27 required at a minimum for:

1-28 (1) spinal surgery, as provided by Section 408.026;

1-29 (2) work-hardening or work-conditioning services
 1-30 [~~provided by a health care facility that is not credentialed by an~~
 1-31 ~~organization recognized by commissioner rules~~];

1-32 (3) inpatient hospitalization, including any
 1-33 procedure and length of stay;

1-34 (4) physical and occupational therapy;

1-35 (5) outpatient or ambulatory surgical services, as
 1-36 defined by commissioner rule; and

1-37 (6) any investigational or experimental services or
 1-38 devices.

1-39 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c)(2), the commissioner
 1-40 by rule may exempt from preauthorization and concurrent review
 1-41 work-hardening or work-conditioning services provided by a health
 1-42 care facility that is credentialed by an organization designated by
 1-43 commissioner rule.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-45 to health care services provided on or after the effective date of
 1-46 this Act in conjunction with a claim for workers' compensation
 1-47 benefits, regardless of the date on which the compensable injury
 1-48 that is the basis of the claim occurred.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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