

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 1235
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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1235 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to the enrollment of health care providers in Medicaid.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Section [531.02118](#), Government Code, is amended
1-24 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (e), (f), (g),
1-25 (h), and (i) to read as follows:
1-26 (c) In streamlining the Medicaid provider credentialing
1-27 process under this section, the commission may designate a
1-28 centralized credentialing entity and ~~shall require~~ [may]:
1-29 (1) that the credentialing entity and the entity
1-30 serving as the state's Medicaid claims administrator share
1-31 information to reduce the submission of duplicative information or
1-32 documents necessary for both Medicaid enrollment and credentialing
1-33 [in the database established under Subchapter C, Chapter 32, Human
1-34 Resources Code, with the centralized credentialing entity]; and
1-35 (2) ~~[require]~~ all managed care organizations
1-36 contracting with the commission to provide health care services to
1-37 Medicaid recipients under a managed care plan issued by the
1-38 organization to use the centralized credentialing entity as a hub
1-39 for the collection and sharing of information.
1-40 (e) Subject to Subsection (f), the commission shall enroll a
1-41 provider as a Medicaid provider, without requiring the provider to
1-42 separately apply for enrollment through the entity serving as the
1-43 state's Medicaid claims administrator, if the provider is:
1-44 (1) credentialed by a managed care organization that
1-45 contracts with the commission under Chapter 533; or
1-46 (2) enrolled as a Medicare provider.
1-47 (f) The executive commissioner by rule may establish
1-48 additional enrollment requirements that are:
1-49 (1) necessary to enroll a provider as a Medicaid
1-50 provider; and
1-51 (2) not otherwise required by managed care
1-52 organization credentialing or Medicare provider enrollment.
1-53 (g) The commission shall track the number of providers that
1-54 enroll as Medicaid providers through each type of enrollment
1-55 process described by Subsection (e), including the enrollment
1-56 process through the entity serving as the state's Medicaid claims
1-57 administrator.
1-58 (h) The commission shall develop a process to streamline the
1-59 Medicaid enrollment of a provider who:
1-60 (1) provides services through a single case agreement

2-1 to a recipient who is also enrolled in a private group health
2-2 benefit plan; and
2-3 (2) is enrolled as a provider in that group health
2-4 benefit plan.

2-5 (i) The commission shall use a provider's national provider
2-6 identifier number to enroll a provider under Subsection (h). In
2-7 this subsection, "national provider identifier number" means the
2-8 national provider identifier number required under Section
2-9 1128J(e), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7k(e)).

2-10 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2-11 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2-12 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-13 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-14 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-15 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-16 SECTION 3. The Health and Human Services Commission is
2-17 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
2-18 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
2-19 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
2-20 purpose, the commission may, but is not required to, implement a
2-21 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
2-22 purpose.

2-23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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