

1-1 By: Dyson (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 4145
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
 1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-9	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the timely billing of health care services related to a
 1-22 personal injury claim.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 146.002, Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-25 Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding
 1-26 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c) and subject
 1-28 to Subsection (c-1), a health care service provider shall bill a
 1-29 patient or other responsible person for services provided to the
 1-30 patient not later than the first day of the 11th month after the
 1-31 date the services are provided.

1-32 (c-1) If a health care service provider provides services to
 1-33 a patient that are related to a personal injury claim for which the
 1-34 patient is represented by an attorney and unless otherwise directed
 1-35 by the patient or other responsible person, the provider may
 1-36 satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) by submitting the bill
 1-37 to the patient's attorney not later than the first day of the 11th
 1-38 month after the date the services are provided.

1-39 (d) For purposes of this section, the date of billing is the
 1-40 date on which the health care service provider's bill is:

1-41 (1) mailed to the patient, ~~or~~ responsible person, or
 1-42 attorney representing the patient, as applicable, postage prepaid,
 1-43 at the address of the patient, ~~or~~ responsible person, or attorney
 1-44 representing the patient as shown on the health care service
 1-45 provider's records; or

1-46 (2) mailed or otherwise submitted to the issuer of the
 1-47 health benefit plan or third party payor as required by the health
 1-48 benefit plan or third party payor.

1-49 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-50 to a health care service provided on or after the effective date of
 1-51 this Act. A health care service provided before the effective date
 1-52 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
 1-53 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
 1-54 that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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