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S.B. No. 1207

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of certain contracting requirements under the Medicaid managed care delivery model.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.003(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In awarding contracts to managed care organizations, the commission shall:

(1) give preference to organizations that have significant participation in the organization's provider network from each health care provider in the region who has traditionally provided care to Medicaid and charity care patients;

(2) give extra consideration to organizations that agree to assure continuity of care for at least three months beyond the period of Medicaid eligibility for recipients;

(3) consider the need to use different managed care plans to meet the needs of different populations;

(4) consider the ability of organizations to process Medicaid claims electronically; and

(5) in the initial implementation of managed care in the South Texas service region, give extra consideration to an organization that ~~[either,~~

~~[(A)]~~ is locally owned, managed, and operated, if one exists~~[, or~~

1                   ~~[(B) is in compliance with the requirements of~~  
2 ~~Section 533.004]~~.

3           SECTION 2. Section 533.004, Government Code, is repealed.

4           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.