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H.B. No. 3276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of health benefit plan provider network status provided by certain freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 241.252(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A facility described by Section 241.251 shall post notice that:

(1) states:

(A) [~~(1) that~~] the facility is a freestanding emergency medical care facility;

(B) [~~(2) that~~] the facility charges rates comparable to a hospital emergency room and may charge a facility fee;

(C) [~~(3) that~~] a facility or a physician providing medical care at the facility may not be a participating provider in the patient's health benefit plan provider network; and

(D) [~~(4) that~~] a physician providing medical care at the facility may bill separately from the facility for the medical care provided to a patient; and

(2) either:

(A) lists the health benefit plans in which the facility is a participating provider in the health benefit plan's

1 provider network; or

2 (B) states the facility is not a participating  
3 provider in any health benefit plan provider network.

4 SECTION 2. Section 254.155(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A facility shall post notice that:

7 (1) states:

8 (A) [(1)—that] the facility is a freestanding  
9 emergency medical care facility;

10 (B) [(2)—that] the facility charges rates  
11 comparable to a hospital emergency room and may charge a facility  
12 fee;

13 (C) [(3)—that] a facility or a physician  
14 providing medical care at the facility may not be a participating  
15 provider in the patient's health benefit plan provider network; and

16 (D) [(4)—that] a physician providing medical  
17 care at the facility may bill separately from the facility for the  
18 medical care provided to a patient; and

19 (2) either:

20 (A) lists the health benefit plans in which the  
21 facility is a participating provider in the health benefit plan's  
22 provider network; or

23 (B) states the facility is not a participating  
24 provider in any health benefit plan provider network.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.