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H.B. No. 3924

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing certain providers of eye health care services to enroll as Medicaid providers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.02119 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02119. MEDICAID ENROLLMENT AND CREDENTIALING OF CERTAIN EYE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. (a) This section applies to:

(1) an optometrist who is licensed by the Texas Optometry Board;

(2) a therapeutic optometrist who is licensed by the Texas Optometry Board; and

(3) an ophthalmologist who is licensed by the Texas Medical Board.

(b) The commission may not prevent a provider to whom this section applies from enrolling as a Medicaid provider if the provider:

(1) joins an established practice of a health care provider or provider group that:

(A) has a contract with a managed care organization to provide health care services to recipients under Chapter 533; or

(B) provides health care services under the Medicaid program under a fee-for-service arrangement;

1 (2) applies to be an enrolled provider under the
2 Medicaid program;

3 (3) if applicable:

4 (A) applies for credentialing with the
5 appropriate managed care organization; and

6 (B) complies with the requirements of the
7 contract between the provider or the provider's group and the
8 applicable managed care organization; and

9 (4) complies with all other applicable requirements
10 related to being a Medicaid provider.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.