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H.B. No. 1691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prompt payment of certain physicians and health care providers by a preferred provider benefit plan.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.069, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.069. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. The provisions of this chapter relating to prompt payment by an insurer of a physician or health care provider and to verification of medical care or health care services apply to a physician or provider who:

(1) is not a preferred provider included in the preferred provider network; and

(2) provides to an insured:

(A) care related to an emergency or its attendant episode of care as required by state or federal law; or

(B) specialty or other medical care or health care services at the request of the insurer, ~~or~~ a preferred provider, or an insured with out-of-network coverage ~~[because the services are not reasonably available from a preferred provider who is included in the preferred delivery network]~~.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to payment of a claim submitted to an insurer for payment on or after January 1, 2016. A claim submitted before January 1, 2016, is

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1 governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective
2 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
3 purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.