

## H.B. 272

# PATIENT ACCESS TO PROVIDERS AND CONTRACTING AMENDMENTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Rebecca D. Lockhart** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 3, Line 87 through Page 4, Line 91:*

87           (4) If an organization permits another private entity with which it does not share  
88 common ownership or control to use or otherwise lease one or more of the organization's  
89 networks that include participating providers, the organization shall ensure, at a minimum, that  
90 the entity pays participating providers in accordance with the same fee schedule and general  
91 payment policies as the organization would for that network **unless payment for services is governed by a**  
**public program's fee schedule** .

2. *Page 10, Lines 297 through 300:*

297           (3) Notwithstanding any other section of this title, an insurer may not take adverse  
298 action against or reduce reimbursement to a contracted provider **who is not under a capitated**  
**reimbursement arrangement** because of the decision of an  
299 insured to access health care services from a noncontracted provider in a manner permitted by  
300 the insured's health insurance plan, regardless of how the plan is designated.