

AN ACT

relating to preauthorization and concurrent review of certain health care services under the workers' compensation system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 413.014, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner's rules adopted under this section must provide that preauthorization and concurrent review are required at a minimum for:

(1) spinal surgery, as provided by Section 408.026;

(2) work-hardening or work-conditioning services ~~[provided by a health care facility that is not credentialed by an organization recognized by commissioner rules];~~

(3) inpatient hospitalization, including any procedure and length of stay;

(4) physical and occupational therapy;

(5) outpatient or ambulatory surgical services, as defined by commissioner rule; and

(6) any investigational or experimental services or devices.

(c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c)(2), the commissioner by rule may exempt from preauthorization and concurrent review work-hardening or work-conditioning services provided by a health

1 care facility that is credentialed by an organization designated by
2 commissioner rule.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to health care services provided on or after the effective date of
5 this Act in conjunction with a claim for workers' compensation
6 benefits, regardless of the date on which the compensable injury
7 that is the basis of the claim occurred.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1494 passed the Senate on
April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1494 passed the House on
May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present
not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor