

[Tex. Ins. Code §§ 845.151 through 845.155.]

§§ 845.151 through 845.155: Statewide Rural Health Care System-- State Managed Care Contracts

Sec. 845.151. CONTRACT AWARD.

To the extent consistent with federal law, the state shall award to the system at least one of the state managed care contracts that are awarded to provide health care services to beneficiaries of the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, in the rural areas of the territorial jurisdiction of the participating hospital providers.

Sec. 845.152. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

As a requirement of participation in a state contract awarded under Section 845.151, the system must satisfactorily address the qualifications for arranging to provide health care services to beneficiaries of certain governmental health care programs as delineated in the contractor's request for proposal, including:

- (1) readiness reviews and adequacy of credentialing, medical management, quality assurance, claims payment, information management, provider and patient education, and complaint and grievance procedures; and
- (2) adequacy of physician and provider networks, including factors such as diversity, geographic accessibility, inclusion of physicians and other providers that have furnished a significant amount of Medicaid or charity care to beneficiaries, and tertiary and subspecialty services.

Sec. 845.153. REIMBURSEMENT AT STATE-DEFINED CAPITATION RATE.

(a) To the extent the system operates under a certificate of authority issued under Chapter 843, the Medicaid contracting agency shall reimburse the system at the state-defined capitation rate for each service area in which the system operates.

(b) The system is not required as a condition of participation in a state contract awarded under Section 845.151 to accept from the Medicaid contracting agency a capitation rate that is lower than the state-defined capitation rate for each service area in which the system operates.

Sec. 845.154. RIGHT OF STATE TO CANCEL CONTRACT ON SALE OR DISSOLUTION.

The state may cancel a contract awarded under this subchapter if the system is sold or dissolved.

Sec. 845.155. USE OF SYSTEM AS PILOT PROGRAM, DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, OR STUDY.

The commissioner of health and human services may use the system for:

- (1) a voluntary pilot or demonstration program that:
 - (A) evaluates the use of an insured model for beneficiaries of a medical assistance program in a rural area not currently included in an existing Medicaid managed care pilot program area; and
 - (B) incorporates the principles of prevention and disease management; and
- (2) a study of the use of promotoras as defined by Section 48.001, Health and Safety Code.