BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a health insurance plan may require a health care provider, as a condition of their contract, to participate in any or all of the health care plan's products. S.B. 1530 would specify the act of coercion, as prohibited by Article 21.21, Insurance Code.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1530 would specify certain acts by a health care prover as coercion.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 4, Article 21.21, Insurance Code, to specify that an act of coercion, as prohibited by this section, is a condition of participation in a health plan or product of the entity, to participate, in any of the entity's other health plans or products.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.