

1 AN ACT

2 relating to deadlines regarding certain preauthorization requests
3 affecting workers' compensation health care networks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1305.353(d), Insurance Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) For services not described under Subsection (e) or (f),
8 the determination under Subsection (c) must be issued and
9 transmitted not later than the third working [~~calendar~~] day after
10 the date the request is received. For the purposes of this
11 subsection, "working day" has the meaning assigned by Section
12 4201.002.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to review of a workers' compensation benefit requiring
15 preauthorization under Chapter 1305, Insurance Code, that is
16 initiated on or after the effective date of this Act. A review
17 initiated before that date is governed by the law in effect on the
18 date that the review was initiated, and the former law is continued
19 in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Rand Newkumst

President of the Senate

Jim Strawn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3625 was passed by the House on April 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3625 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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