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H.B. No. 468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for certain individuals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1367.253(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A health benefit plan must provide coverage for the cost of a medically necessary hearing aid or cochlear implant and related services and supplies for a covered individual who is 25 [~~18~~] years of age or younger.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024. A health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.