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H.B. No. 4627

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the alternative electronic visit verification system
3 recognized under Medicaid.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [531.024172](#), Government Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsections (g), (g-1), and (g-2) to read as follows:

7 (g) The commission may recognize an alternative [~~a health~~
8 ~~care provider's proprietary~~] electronic visit verification system,
9 including a system [~~whether~~] purchased or developed by a health
10 care [~~the~~] provider, as complying with this section and allow a
11 [~~the~~] health care provider to use an alternative electronic visit
12 verification [~~that~~] system for a period determined by the
13 commission if the commission determines that the system:

14 (1) complies with all necessary data submission,
15 exchange, and reporting requirements established under this
16 section; and

17 (2) meets all other standards and requirements
18 established under this section.

19 (g-1) If feasible, the executive commissioner shall ensure
20 a health care provider that uses an alternative [~~the provider's~~
21 ~~proprietary~~] electronic visit verification system recognized under
22 Subsection (g) is reimbursed for the use of that system.

23 (g-2) For purposes of facilitating the use of an alternative
24 [~~proprietary~~] electronic visit verification system [~~systems~~] by

1 health care providers under Subsection (g) and in consultation with
2 industry stakeholders and the work group established under
3 Subsection (h), the commission or the executive commissioner, as
4 appropriate, shall:

5 (1) develop an open model system that mitigates the
6 administrative burdens identified by providers required to use
7 electronic visit verification;

8 (2) allow providers to use emerging technologies,
9 including Internet-based, mobile telephone-based, and global
10 positioning-based technologies, in the alternative [providers'
11 proprietary] electronic visit verification system recognized under
12 Subsection (g) [systems]; and

13 (3) adopt rules governing:

14 (A) data submission; ~~and~~

15 (B) provider reimbursement; and

16 (C) alternative electronic visit verification
17 system approval.

18 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
23 waiver or authorization is granted.

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