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H.B. No. 4627

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 the  
11 health care provider to use that system for a period determined by  
12 the commission if the commission determines that the system:

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

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

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