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S.B. No. 2483

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage for maternal depression screenings under Medicaid and the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.1511(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The covered services under the child health plan must include up to four ~~[a]~~ maternal depression screenings ~~[screening]~~ for an enrollee's mother, regardless of whether the mother is also an enrollee, that are ~~[is]~~ performed during a covered well-child or other office visit for the enrollee that occurs before the enrollee's first birthday.

SECTION 2. Section 32.0561(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall provide medical assistance reimbursement for up to four ~~[a]~~ maternal depression screenings ~~[screening]~~ for a recipient's mother, regardless of whether the mother is also a recipient, that are ~~[is]~~ performed during a covered examination for the recipient under the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program that occurs before the recipient's first birthday.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

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1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.