

Amend SB 21 (house committee printing), following SECTION 33 of the bill (page 24, between lines 6 and 7), by inserting the following new SECTION, appropriately numbered, and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 11.28, Article IX, HB 1, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (the General Appropriations Act), is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to the priorities otherwise established by this section, it is also a priority of the legislature that the plan provide funding to permit a Medicaid recipient, including an adult recipient, to select a licensed psychologist, a licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code, a licensed professional counselor, as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code, or a licensed master social worker, as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code, to perform professional counseling services or other health care services or procedures covered under the Medicaid program if the selected person is authorized by law to perform the counseling or other services or procedures.