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S.B. No. 15

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to services provided by certain mental health
3 professionals under the Medicaid program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.027, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall assure that a recipient of medical
8 assistance under this chapter may select a licensed psychologist, a
9 licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined by Section
10 502.002, Occupations Code, a licensed professional counselor, as
11 defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code, or a licensed master
12 social worker, as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code, to
13 perform any health care service or procedure covered under the
14 medical assistance program if the selected person is authorized by
15 law to perform the service or procedure. This subsection shall be
16 liberally construed.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
22 legislative session.