

Amend **SB 1862** by amending Sections 32.024(i) and 32.027(b) and (e), Human Resources Code to read as follows:

Section 32.024(i), Human Resources Code. i) Subject to appropriated state funds, the ~~[The]~~ department in its adoption of rules shall establish a medically needy program that serves pregnant women, children, and caretakers who have high medical expenses.

Section 32.027(b) and (e), Human Resources Code.

(b) Subject to appropriated state funds, the ~~[The]~~ department shall assure that a recipient of medical assistance under this chapter may select a licensed podiatrist to perform any foot health care service or procedure covered under the medical assistance program if the podiatrist is authorized by law to perform the service or procedure. This subsection shall be liberally construed.

(e) Subject to appropriated state funds, the ~~[The]~~ department shall assure that a recipient of medical assistance under this chapter may select a licensed psychologist or a licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code, to perform any health care service or procedure covered under the medical assistance program if the selected psychologist or marriage and family therapist is authorized by law to perform the service or procedure. This subsection shall be liberally construed.