

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 493  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2003; February 19, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
1-4 Services; April 2, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1;  
1-6 April 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 493 By: Deuell

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to mental health and substance abuse services provided  
1-11 through certain state health benefit programs.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 531.0224 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 531.0224. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

1-16 (a) To ensure appropriate delivery of mental health and substance  
1-17 abuse services, the commission shall regularly evaluate program  
1-18 contractors and subcontractors that provide or arrange for the  
1-19 services for persons enrolled in:

1-20 (1) the Medicaid managed care program; and

1-21 (2) the state child health plan program.

1-22 (b) The commission shall monitor:

1-23 (1) penetration rates, as they relate to mental health  
1-24 and substance abuse services provided by or through contractors and  
1-25 subcontractors;

1-26 (2) utilization rates, as they relate to mental health  
1-27 and substance abuse services provided by or through contractors and  
1-28 subcontractors; and

1-29 (3) provider networks used by contractors and  
1-30 subcontractors to provide mental health or substance abuse  
1-31 services.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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