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H.B. No. 122

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. Section 32.027(e), Human Resources Code, as
18 amended by Chapter 1251, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
19 Session, 2003, is repealed.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.