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S.B. No. 214

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to providing interpreter services to certain recipients of
3 medical assistance or their parents or guardians.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (bb) to read as follows:

7 (bb) In this subsection, "deaf" and "hard of hearing" have
8 the meanings assigned by Section 81.001. The department shall
9 provide interpreter services as requested during the receipt of
10 medical assistance under this chapter to:

11 (1) a person receiving that assistance who is deaf or
12 hard of hearing; or

13 (2) a parent or guardian of a person receiving that
14 assistance if the parent or guardian is deaf or hard of hearing.

15 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
16 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
17 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
18 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
19 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
20 waiver or authorization is granted.

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