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S.B. No. 811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to services referred to podiatrists under the Medicaid  
3 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 (m) to read as follows:

7 (m) The department shall assure that a recipient of medical  
8 assistance under this chapter may select a licensed podiatrist to  
9 perform any foot health care service or procedure covered under the  
10 medical assistance program if the podiatrist is authorized by law  
11 to perform the service or procedure and:

12 (1) if the recipient is enrolled in a managed care  
13 program, the recipient's primary care physician refers the  
14 recipient to the podiatrist; or

15 (2) if the recipient is not enrolled in a managed care  
16 program, a physician other than the podiatrist refers the recipient  
17 to the podiatrist.

18 SECTION 2. Section 32.027(b), Human Resources Code, as  
19 amended by Chapter 1251, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular  
20 Session, 2003, is repealed.

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