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S.B. No. 826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a cost-benefit analysis of providing mental health  
3 services for women with postpartum depression.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "postpartum depression"  
6 means a disorder with postpartum onset that is categorized as a mood  
7 disorder by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic  
8 and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition, or a  
9 subsequent edition of that manual that the executive commissioner  
10 of the Health and Human Services Commission by rule adopts to take  
11 the place of the fourth edition.

12 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a  
13 cost-benefit analysis of providing 12 months of mental health  
14 services under the Medicaid program to women who are:

15 (1) diagnosed with postpartum depression; and

16 (2) eligible for medical assistance under Chapter 32,  
17 Human Resources Code.

18 (c) Not later than September 1, 2006, the Health and Human  
19 Services Commission shall provide a report to the governor,  
20 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and  
21 legislature that explains the result of the analysis.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.