

AN ACT

relating to a study examining the feasibility of providing health services for women with postpartum depression.

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

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

(b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study examining the feasibility and effects of providing 12 months of health services under the Medicaid program to women who are:

- (1) diagnosed with postpartum depression; and
- (2) eligible for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, at the time of diagnosis.

(c) Not later than September 1, 2006, the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and legislature that explains the conclusions of the study.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 826 passed the Senate on May 3, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 826 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor