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H.B. No. 2627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of home health services under the  
3 Medicaid program in accordance with authorization by a licensed  
4 nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 32.067, Human Resources Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) The department shall assure that a licensed nurse  
9 practitioner or a physician assistant is permitted to authorize the  
10 provision of home health services to individuals enrolled in the  
11 Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program, to the extent that a  
12 nurse practitioner or physician assistant is permitted to authorize  
13 those services under Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.