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H.B. No. 2710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to indigent health care services that may be provided by a county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.0285(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to basic health care services provided under Section 61.028, a county may, in accordance with department rules adopted under Section 61.006, provide other medically necessary services or supplies that the county determines to be cost-effective, including:

- (1) ambulatory surgical center services;
- (2) diabetic and colostomy medical supplies and equipment;
- (3) durable medical equipment;
- (4) home and community health care services;
- (5) social work services;
- (6) psychological counseling services;
- (7) services provided by physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists;
- (8) dental care;
- (9) vision care, including eyeglasses;
- (10) services provided by federally qualified health

1 centers, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(2)(B);

2 (11) emergency medical services; ~~and~~

3 (12) physical and occupational therapy services; and

4 (13) any other appropriate health care service  
5 identified by department ~~board~~ rule that may be determined to be  
6 cost-effective.

7 SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and  
8 Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
9 Section 61.0285, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, as  
10 soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.