

1-1 By: Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 2710  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009;  
1-3 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 20, 2009, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to indigent health care services that may be provided by a  
1-9 county.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 61.0285(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) In addition to basic health care services provided under  
1-14 Section 61.028, a county may, in accordance with department rules  
1-15 adopted under Section 61.006, provide other medically necessary  
1-16 services or supplies that the county determines to be  
1-17 cost-effective, including:

- 1-18 (1) ambulatory surgical center services;  
1-19 (2) diabetic and colostomy medical supplies and  
1-20 equipment;  
1-21 (3) durable medical equipment;  
1-22 (4) home and community health care services;  
1-23 (5) social work services;  
1-24 (6) psychological counseling services;  
1-25 (7) services provided by physician assistants, nurse  
1-26 practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse  
1-27 specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists;  
1-28 (8) dental care;  
1-29 (9) vision care, including eyeglasses;  
1-30 (10) services provided by federally qualified health  
1-31 centers, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(2)(B);  
1-32 (11) emergency medical services; ~~and~~  
1-33 (12) physical and occupational therapy services; and  
1-34 (13) any other appropriate health care service  
1-35 identified by department ~~board~~ rule that may be determined to be  
1-36 cost-effective.

1-37 SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and  
1-38 Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
1-39 Section 61.0285, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, as  
1-40 soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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