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H.B. No. 3931

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of exercise equipment to certain
3 recipients of medical assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (kk) to read as follows:

7 (kk) To the extent allowed by federal law, the department
8 shall provide reimbursement under the medical assistance program
9 for the purchase or rental of exercise equipment by a recipient of
10 medical assistance diagnosed as having diabetes. The executive
11 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
12 adopt rules defining items considered "exercise equipment" for
13 purposes of this subsection.

14 SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and
15 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section
16 32.024(kk), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, as soon as
17 possible after the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
23 waiver or authorization is granted.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.