

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 871

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to indigent health care services provided by a county.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 61.028(a), Health and Safety Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A county shall, in accordance with department rules
7 adopted under Section 61.006, provide the following basic health
8 care services:

9 (1) primary and preventative services designed to meet
10 the needs of the community, including:

11 (A) immunizations;

12 (B) medical screening services; and

13 (C) annual physical examinations;

14 (2) inpatient and outpatient hospital services;

15 (3) rural health clinics;

16 (4) laboratory and X-ray services;

17 (5) family planning services;

18 (6) physician services;

19 (7) payment for not more than three prescription drugs
20 a month; ~~and~~

21 (8) skilled nursing facility services, regardless of
22 the patient's age; and

23 (9) physical and occupational therapy services.

24 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and

1 Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
2 Section 61.028, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not
3 later than December 1, 2011.

4 (b) A county is not required to provide physical and
5 occupational therapy services as required by Section 61.028, Health
6 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, before January 1, 2012.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.