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H.B. No. 2270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage for early childhood  
intervention services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1367.201, Insurance Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 1367.201. DEFINITION. In this subchapter,  
rehabilitative and habilitative therapies include:

(1) occupational therapy evaluations and services;

(2) physical therapy evaluations and services;

(3) speech therapy evaluations and services; ~~and~~

(4) dietary or nutritional evaluations and services;

(5) audiology;

(6) developmental services;

(7) early identification, screening, and assessment;

(8) family counseling;

(9) family education;

(10) nursing services;

(11) psychological services;

(12) service coordination;

(13) social work services;

(14) vision services; and

(15) assistive technology services and devices.

SECTION 2. Section 1367.205, Insurance Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
2 follows:

3 (a) A health benefit plan must provide [~~that provides~~]  
4 coverage for rehabilitative and habilitative therapies [~~under this~~  
5 ~~subchapter may not prohibit or restrict payment for covered~~  
6 ~~services~~] provided to a child and determined to be necessary to and  
7 provided in accordance with an individualized family service plan  
8 issued by the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention  
9 under Chapter 73, Human Resources Code.

10 (b-1) A health benefit plan may not prohibit or restrict  
11 payment for covered services described by Subsection (a).

12 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
13 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or  
14 renewed on or after January 1, 2012. A health benefit plan that is  
15 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2012,  
16 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
17 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
18 that purpose.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.