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S.B. No. 58

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to integrating behavioral health and physical health services provided under the Medicaid program using managed care organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 533, Subchapter A, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 533.00251 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.00251. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES NETWORK. (a) The executive commissioner shall integrate behavioral health services, including targeted case management and psychiatric rehabilitation services, and physical health services to persons eligible for such services under the Medicaid program using the managed care organizations contracted to the commission pursuant to Chapter 533, Government Code.

(b) The managed care organizations contracted to the commission shall develop a network of providers of behavioral health services.

(c) In complying with this section, the executive commissioner shall ensure that:

(1) An appropriate assessment tool is used to authorize services;

(2) Providers are well-qualified and able to provide an appropriate array of services; and

(3) Appropriate performance and quality outcomes are

1 measured.

2 (d) This section does not apply to the NorthSTAR Medicaid
3 Demonstration Waiver.

4 (e) For purposes of this section, "behavioral health
5 services" means mental health and substance use disorder services.

6 (f) To the extent of any conflict, this section prevails
7 over any other law relating to mental and behavioral health care.

8 SECTION 2. Integration of behavioral health and physical
9 health services as required by SECTION 1 must be completed by
10 September 1, 2014.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.