

1-1 By: Guerra, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1661
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to Medicaid billing for the services of substitute
 1-20 dentists.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
 1-23 is amended by adding Section 32.076 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 32.076. SUBSTITUTE DENTISTS. To the extent allowed by
 1-25 federal law, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-26 Services Commission shall adopt rules ensuring that the same
 1-27 standards applying to a physician who bills the medical assistance
 1-28 program for services provided by a substitute physician apply also
 1-29 to a dentist who bills the medical assistance program for services
 1-30 provided by a substitute dentist.

1-31 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
 1-32 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
 1-33 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
 1-34 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
 1-35 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
 1-36 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-37 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-38 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-39 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
 1-40 the changes in law made by this Act.

1-41 SECTION 4. 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, 2015.

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