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H.B. No. 1878

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1878:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1878

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the reimbursement of providers under the Medicaid
3 program for the provision of telemedicine medical services in a
4 school-based setting.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 531.0217, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c-4) and amending Subsection (g) to read as
8 follows:

9 (c-4) The commission shall ensure that Medicaid
10 reimbursement is provided to a physician for a telemedicine medical
11 service provided by the physician, even if the physician is not the
12 patient's primary care physician or provider, if:

13 (1) the physician is an authorized health care
14 provider under Medicaid;

15 (2) the patient is a child who receives the service in
16 a primary or secondary school-based setting; and

17 (3) a health professional is present with the patient
18 during the treatment.

19 (g) If a patient receiving a telemedicine medical service
20 has a primary care physician or provider and consents or, if
21 appropriate, the patient's parent or legal guardian consents to the
22 notification, the commission shall require that the primary care
23 physician or provider be notified of the telemedicine medical
24 service for the purpose of sharing medical information. In the case

1 of a service provided to a child in a school-based setting as
2 described by Subsection (c-4), the notification, if any, must
3 include a summary of the service, including exam findings,
4 prescribed or administered medications, and patient instructions.

5 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
6 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
7 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
8 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
9 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
10 waiver or authorization is granted.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.