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H.B. No. 3921

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reimbursement for certain emergency eye health care
3 services provided to persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care
4 program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 533.00265 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 533.00265. EMERGENCY EYE HEALTH CARE SERVICES. A
9 managed care organization that contracts with the commission under
10 this chapter shall reimburse an out-of-network eye care specialist
11 who is an enrolled Medicaid provider for providing to a recipient
12 enrolled in the organization's managed care plan emergency eye
13 health care services, including services to treat an emergency
14 medical condition affecting the visual system, eye, or adnexa, as
15 determined by executive commissioner rule, at a rate equal to the
16 rate at which the managed care organization would reimburse an eye
17 care specialist in the organization's provider network for the same
18 services.

19 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
20 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
21 Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section
22 533.00265, Government Code, as added by this Act.

23 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
24 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a

1 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
3 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
4 waiver or authorization is granted.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.