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S.B. No. 1260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the selection of certain providers under the Medicaid  
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.027(1), Human Resources Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to appropriations, the department shall assure  
8 that a recipient of medical assistance under this chapter may  
9 select a licensed psychologist, a licensed marriage and family  
10 therapist, as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code, a  
11 licensed professional counselor, as defined by Section 503.002,  
12 Occupations Code, or practicing in accordance with Section 503.308,  
13 Occupations Code, or a licensed master social worker, as defined by  
14 Section 505.002, Occupations Code, to perform any health care  
15 service or procedure covered under the medical assistance program  
16 if the selected person is authorized by law to perform the service  
17 or procedure. This subsection shall be liberally construed.

18 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
23 waiver or authorization is granted.

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