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H.B. No. 2303

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1511 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.1511. COVERAGE FOR MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING.

(a) In this section, "maternal depression" means depression of any severity with postpartum onset.

(b) The covered services under the child health plan must include a maternal depression screening for an enrollee's mother, regardless of whether the mother is also an enrollee, that is performed during a covered well-child visit for the enrollee that occurs before the enrollee's first birthday.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0561 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0561. MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING. (a) In this section, "maternal depression" means depression of any severity with postpartum onset.

(b) The commission shall provide medical assistance reimbursement for a maternal depression screening for a recipient's mother, regardless of whether the mother is also a recipient, that is performed during a covered examination for the recipient under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program

1 that occurs before the recipient's first birthday.

2       SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
4 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8       SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.