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H.B. No. 2801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contracts between Medicaid managed care organizations and certain providers of behavioral health and physical health services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.00255(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A managed care organization that contracts with the commission under this chapter shall:

(1) develop a network of public and private providers of behavioral health services and ensure adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance have access to a comprehensive array of services; and

(2) if the managed care organization intends to contract with an integrated provider site for the provision of both behavioral health services and physical health services, offer the integrated provider site the option of entering into a single contract with the managed care organization to provide those services, even if the managed care organization contracts with a behavioral health organization to coordinate the provision of behavioral health services for the managed care organization.

SECTION 2. Section 533.00255(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

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