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H.B. No. 2905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reimbursement rates for certain therapy services under
3 Medicaid and accountability to Medicaid recipients.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.021, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

7 (h) In adopting rates for Medicaid payments under
8 Subsection (b-1), the executive commissioner shall ensure that
9 reimbursement rates for occupational, physical, and speech therapy
10 services provided to recipients are at least equal to the
11 reimbursement rates for occupational, physical, and speech therapy
12 services in effect on August 31, 2015, regardless of whether the
13 reimbursements are paid through a fee for service system or a
14 managed care system. The executive commissioner shall adopt rules
15 to ensure the accountability of the commission to recipients who
16 are dependent on those therapy services.

17 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
18 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
19 Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section
20 531.021(h), Government Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
22 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
23 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
24 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or

1 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2 waiver or authorization is granted.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.