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S.B. No. 557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the period for filing a claim for reimbursement for certain ancillary services under the Medicaid program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0317 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0317. PERIOD FOR FILING REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS BY CERTAIN ANCILLARY SERVICE PROVIDERS. (a) In this section, "ancillary service" means a health care service provided or ordered by a physician or other health care provider to supplement or support the evaluation or treatment of a patient, including a diagnostic test, laboratory test, therapy service, or radiology service.

(b) In adopting rules governing the period for filing claims for reimbursement under the medical assistance program, the executive commissioner shall ensure a provider filing a claim for reimbursement for the provision of an ancillary service to a recipient who resides in a nursing facility is allowed a period of at least 365 days from the date the ancillary service is provided to file the claim with the commission, the commission's designee, a managed care organization, or other person, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 32.0317, Human Resources Code, as added by this

1 Act, not later than October 1, 2017.

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.