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S.B. No. 808

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal
3 depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

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

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

7 Sec. 62.1511. COVERAGE FOR MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING.

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

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

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

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

20 (b) The commission shall provide medical assistance
21 reimbursement for a maternal depression screening for a recipient's
22 mother, regardless of whether the mother is also a recipient, that
23 is performed during a covered examination for the recipient under
24 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.