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S.B. No. 1585

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reimbursement of certain services provided by respiratory care practitioners under Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.0216, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The system developed and implemented under this section must allow a physician or a health care facility, including a hospital, to be reimbursed under Medicaid for the following services performed by a respiratory care practitioner acting under the delegation and supervision of a physician and acting within the scope of the respiratory care practitioner's certification or permit:

(1) telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services provided by a respiratory care practitioner located at a distant site to a patient located at a patient site; and

(2) services provided in support of the delivery of telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, or home telemonitoring services by a respiratory care practitioner located at a patient site to a patient located at the patient site.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.