

Amend **SB 1991** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.02491 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02491. REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF WOUND CARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES. (a) The commission shall provide medical assistance reimbursement to an authorized wound care education and training services provider who provides to a recipient necessary wound care education and training.

(b) The commission shall approve a person as an authorized wound care education and training services provider if the person:

(1) is enrolled as a provider under the medical assistance program; and

(2) meets quality standards for wound care education and training approved by the commission.

(c) An authorized wound care education and training services provider shall determine a recipient's need for wound care education and training services. The provider must certify that the education and training is necessary for the recipient to provide self-care in order to assist in wound care management and to improve the recipient's health care outcomes.

(d) The executive commissioner, after consulting with organizations that assist individuals with wound care, including recipients of medical assistance, shall:

(1) adopt reimbursement rates for an authorized wound care education and training services provider for the provision of wound care education and training services; and

(2) establish outcome measures for evaluating the health care outcomes of recipients who receive wound care education and training services from an authorized wound care education and training services provider.

(b) If before implementing Section 32.02491, Human Resources Code, as added by this section, a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay

implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.