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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid reimbursement for dental services provided to adults with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 32.054, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f)  The commission shall provide medical assistance reimbursement for dental services, including preventive dental services, for an adult recipient with a disability to prevent serious medical conditions and reduce emergency room visits by the recipient necessitated by complications resulting from a lack of access to dental care.

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, 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.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.