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H.B. No. 1063

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to telemedicine medical, telehealth, and home
3 telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.0216(f), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (f) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
8 the commission shall report to the speaker of the house of
9 representatives and the lieutenant governor on the effects of
10 telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home
11 telemonitoring services on Medicaid in the state, including the
12 number of physicians, health professionals, and licensed health
13 care facilities using telemedicine medical services, telehealth
14 services, or home telemonitoring services, the geographic and
15 demographic disposition of the physicians and health
16 professionals, the number of patients receiving telemedicine
17 medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring
18 services, the types of services being provided, ~~and~~ the cost of
19 utilization, and the cost savings of telemedicine medical services,
20 telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services to Medicaid.

21 SECTION 2. Section 531.02164, Government Code, is amended
22 by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

23 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c)(1), the program
24 required under this section must also provide that home

1 telemonitoring services are available to pediatric persons who:

2 (1) are diagnosed with end-stage solid organ disease;

3 (2) have received an organ transplant; or

4 (3) require mechanical ventilation.

5 SECTION 3. Section 531.02176, Government Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 4. The executive commissioner of the Health and
7 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to
8 implement Section 531.02164(c-1), Government Code, as added by this
9 Act, not later than December 1, 2019.

10 SECTION 5. If before implementing any provision of this Act
11 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
12 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
13 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
14 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
15 waiver or authorization is granted.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.