

AN ACT

relating to telemedicine medical, telehealth, and home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

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

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

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

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

(c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c)(1), the program 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 Section 531.02176, Government Code, is repealed.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. The Health and Human Services Commission is
17 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
18 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
19 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
20 purpose, the commission may, but is not required to, implement a
21 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
22 purpose.

23 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1063 was passed by the House on May 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1063 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1063 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor