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H.B. No. 2080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to family partners, family partner peer support services,  
3 and the provision of those services under the medical assistance  
4 program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 531.09993 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.09993. FAMILY PARTNERS. (a) With input from  
9 family partners and the work group described by Subsection (b), the  
10 commission shall develop and the executive commissioner shall  
11 adopt:

12 (1) rules that establish training requirements for  
13 family partners so that they are able to provide family partner peer  
14 support services to families or primary caregivers of children with  
15 a mental health disorder;

16 (2) rules that establish certification and  
17 supervision requirements for family partners;

18 (3) rules that define the scope of services that  
19 family partners may provide; and

20 (4) rules that distinguish family partner peer support  
21 services from other services that a person must hold a license to  
22 provide.

23 (b) The commission shall establish a stakeholder work group  
24 to provide input for the adoption of rules under Subsection (a).

1 The work group is composed of the following persons appointed by the  
2 executive commissioner:

3 (1) one representative of an organization that  
4 certifies family partners in this state;

5 (2) three representatives of organizations that  
6 employ family partners;

7 (3) one family partner who works in an urban area;

8 (4) one family partner who works in a rural area;

9 (5) one person who trains family partners;

10 (6) three representatives of professional groups who  
11 supervise family partners;

12 (7) to the extent possible, not more than three  
13 persons with personal experience in being the primary caregivers of  
14 children who received services for a mental health disorder; and

15 (8) any other persons considered appropriate by the  
16 executive commissioner.

17 (c) The executive commissioner shall appoint one member of  
18 the work group to serve as presiding officer.

19 (d) The work group shall meet once every month.

20 (e) The work group is automatically abolished on the  
21 adoption of rules under Subsection (a).

22 SECTION 2. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended  
23 by adding Subsection (mm) to read as follows:

24 (mm) The commission in its rules and standards governing the  
25 scope of services provided under the medical assistance program  
26 shall include family partner peer support services provided by  
27 certified family partners as part of the treatment of children with

1 a serious emotional disturbance to the extent permitted by federal  
2 law.

3 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
4 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
5 Services Commission shall:

6 (1) adopt the rules required by Section 531.09993(a),  
7 Government Code, as added by this Act; and

8 (2) appoint the members of the stakeholder work group  
9 established by Section 531.09993(b), Government Code, as added by  
10 this Act.

11 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
12 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
13 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
14 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
15 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
16 waiver or authorization is granted.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.