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H.B. No. 2091

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in  
3 Medicaid managed care.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 533.032 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 533.032. PROMOTORAS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. (a)  
8 In this section, "promotora" and "community health worker" have the  
9 meaning assigned by Section 48.001, Health and Safety Code.

10 (b) The commission shall allow each managed care  
11 organization that contracts with the commission to provide health  
12 care services to recipients under the STAR Medicaid managed care  
13 program to categorize services provided by a promotora or community  
14 health worker as a quality improvement cost instead of an  
15 administrative expense.

16 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
17 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
18 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
19 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
20 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
21 waiver or authorization is granted.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.