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H.B. No. 3523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to educational requirements for hospital case managers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.013. HOSPITAL CASE MANAGERS. (a) In this section, "hospital case manager" means a person who provides health care coordination, utilization review, discharge planning, and other services to meet the health care needs of a patient in a hospital.

(b) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish educational requirements for hospital case managers who are employed by or are providing services to a hospital. The rules at a minimum must require a hospital case manager to:

(1) hold a license issued under Chapter 301, Occupations Code; or

(2) have a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

(c) The commission shall ensure compliance with the requirements established under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 241.013, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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