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H.B. No. 3763

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enrollment and reimbursement of psychological associates under Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (11) to read as follows:

(11) The executive commissioner shall establish a separate provider type for psychological associates licensed under Chapter 501, Occupations Code, for purposes of enrollment as a provider for and reimbursement under the medical assistance program.

SECTION 2. Section 32.027(1), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to appropriations, the commission shall assure that a recipient of medical assistance under this chapter may select a licensed psychologist, a licensed psychological associate, a licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code, a licensed professional counselor, as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code, or a licensed master social worker, as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code, to perform any health care service or procedure covered under the medical assistance program if the selected person is authorized by law to perform the service or procedure. This subsection shall be liberally construed.

SECTION 3. Section 1451.001(18), Insurance Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2           (18) "Psychological associate" means an individual  
3 licensed as a psychological associate by the Texas State Board of  
4 Examiners of Psychologists [~~who practices solely under the~~  
5 ~~supervision of a licensed psychologist~~].

6           SECTION 4. The Texas State Board of Examiners of  
7 Psychologists shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the  
8 changes made by this Act.

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

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