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H.B. No. 4530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a review of Medicaid dental services provided to
3 children.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Abuse" and "fraud" have the meanings assigned by
7 Section [531.1011](#), Government Code.

8 (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
9 Commission.

10 (3) "Office of inspector general" means the
11 commission's office of inspector general.

12 (b) The office of inspector general shall conduct a thorough
13 review of the provision of Texas Health Steps therapeutic dental
14 benefits to children to determine whether fraud, waste, or abuse is
15 probably occurring with respect to the provision of those benefits.
16 The office shall conduct the review in conjunction with other
17 appropriate divisions of the commission and collaborate with and
18 seek input from stakeholders in the dental industry in this state.

19 (c) In determining whether fraud, waste, or abuse is
20 probably occurring in the provision of Texas Health Steps
21 therapeutic dental benefits to children, the office of inspector
22 general and the commission shall:

23 (1) review a randomly selected representative sample
24 of those services in a quantity sufficient to allow for the

1 extrapolation of results; and

2 (2) use the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
3 clinical guidelines and appropriate pediatric dentist peer review
4 to:

5 (A) determine dental necessity for provided
6 services; and

7 (B) assess other factors relevant to determining
8 whether fraud, waste, or abuse is probably occurring.

9 (d) Not later than November 1, 2020, the office of inspector
10 general and the commission shall submit a joint report on the
11 results of the review to the standing committees of the senate and
12 house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over
13 Medicaid. The report must include:

14 (1) a description of any policy changes implemented
15 through commission rules as a result of the review; and

16 (2) recommendations for statutory changes, including
17 any proposed legislation, to address any fraud, waste, and abuse
18 identified as probably occurring in the provision of Texas Health
19 Steps therapeutic dental benefits to children.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.