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S.B. No. 1564

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use  
3 disorder under Medicaid.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "qualifying practitioner"  
6 has the meaning assigned by 21 U.S.C. Section 823(g)(2)(G)(iii).

7 (b) Not later than November 1, 2019, the Health and Human  
8 Services Commission shall amend the commission's Medicaid  
9 Substance Use Disorder Services Medical Policy and any other  
10 provider or claims payment policy or manual necessary to authorize  
11 Medicaid medical benefits reimbursement for the prescribing of  
12 buprenorphine for the treatment of an opioid use disorder by an  
13 advanced practice registered nurse recognized by the Texas Board of  
14 Nursing as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, or nurse  
15 midwife, provided that the advanced practice registered nurse:

16 (1) is a qualifying practitioner; and

17 (2) has obtained a waiver from registration  
18 requirements as provided by 21 U.S.C. Section 823(g).

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.