

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1564
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use
 1-20 disorder under Medicaid.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "qualifying practitioner"
 1-23 has the meaning assigned by 21 U.S.C. Section 823(g)(2)(G)(iii).

1-24 (b) Not later than November 1, 2019, the Health and Human
 1-25 Services Commission shall amend the commission's Medicaid
 1-26 Substance Use Disorder Services Medical Policy and any other
 1-27 provider or claims payment policy or manual necessary to authorize
 1-28 Medicaid medical benefits reimbursement for the prescribing of
 1-29 buprenorphine for the treatment of an opioid use disorder by an
 1-30 advanced practice registered nurse recognized by the Texas Board of
 1-31 Nursing as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, or nurse
 1-32 midwife, provided that the advanced practice registered nurse:

1-33 (1) is a qualifying practitioner; and

1-34 (2) has obtained a waiver from registration
 1-35 requirements as provided by 21 U.S.C. Section 823(g).

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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