

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB1564** by West (Relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Medicaid.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to amend certain policies to authorize Medicaid reimbursement for the prescribing of buprenorphine for the treatment of an opioid use disorder by an advanced practice registered nurse meeting certain Texas Board of Nursing and federal requirements. HHSC estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. It is assumed that costs could be absorbed within existing agency resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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