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H.B. No. 941

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a work group to study uniform quality
3 measures under a value-based program for long-term services and
4 supports.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.01211 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.01211. WORK GROUP ON UNIFORM QUALITY MEASURES
9 UNDER VALUE-BASED PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. (a)
10 The commission shall establish within the advisory committee
11 established under Section 531.012 that studies value-based payment
12 and quality improvement initiatives a work group to study, develop,
13 and recommend uniform quality measures to be implemented under a
14 value-based program for long-term services and supports. The work
15 group shall:

16 (1) develop an underlying methodology for measuring
17 quality under the value-based program;

18 (2) identify the data sources that should be used in
19 the methodology; and

20 (3) develop a process for reporting, collecting, and
21 validating the data used in the methodology.

22 (b) The work group shall engage stakeholders representing
23 clients, providers, and relevant industries that provide
24 community-based long-term services and supports to assist in

1 developing uniform quality measures under Subsection (a).

2 (c) To the extent permitted by federal law, data collected
3 and the uniform quality measures developed by the work group under
4 this section must be accessible to the public.

5 (d) Not later than September 1, 2022, the commission, in
6 consultation with the work group established under this section and
7 with the agreement of the advisory committee in which the work group
8 is established, shall submit a report on the findings and
9 recommendations of the work group to the governor, the lieutenant
10 governor, and the standing committees of the senate and house of
11 representatives having primary jurisdiction over Medicaid. The
12 report must include:

13 (1) the uniform quality measures developed and
14 recommended by the work group under Subsection (a), including any
15 methodology recommended by the work group for measuring quality;
16 and

17 (2) the commission's recommendations for implementing
18 those quality measures, including a proposed timeline for
19 implementation of the measures and a description of any potential
20 legislation that would be required for implementation of the
21 measures.

22 (e) This section expires September 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.