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H.B. No. 2545

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2545:

By: Oliverson

C.S.H.B. No. 2545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to health benefit plan coverage of hearing aids and  
3 cochlear implants for certain individuals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [1367.253](#)(a), Insurance Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A health benefit plan must provide coverage for the cost  
8 of a medically necessary hearing aid or cochlear implant and  
9 related services and supplies for a covered individual who is 25  
10 [~~18~~] years of age or younger.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
12 to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed  
13 on or after January 1, 2022. A health benefit plan delivered,  
14 issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2022, is governed  
15 by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of  
16 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.