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H.B. No. 4529

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of home dialysis care by a dialysis technician.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 251, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 251.033 to read as follows:

Sec. 251.033. PROVISION OF HOME DIALYSIS CARE. (a) A dialysis technician may provide home dialysis care, including hemodialysis, only if:

(1) the care is provided under the direct supervision of a registered nurse who is employed by the same entity that employs the dialysis technician; and

(2) the dialysis technician has:

(A) complied with all executive commissioner rules on training and competency for dialysis technicians; and

(B) successfully completed orientation and skills education requirements equivalent to the requirements for a registered or licensed vocational nurse who provides home dialysis care.

(b) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means supervision by a registered nurse who is physically present on the premises, but not necessarily present in the room where the dialysis services are provided, at which a dialysis technician provides home dialysis care and is immediately available to respond

1 to patient needs.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
4 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
5 Section 251.033, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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