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S.B. No. 1915

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of recovery community organization peer-to-peer services under Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.09991 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.09991. RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. (a) In this section, "recovery community organization" means a nonprofit organization that:

(1) mobilizes resources inside and outside of a local community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery for individuals with a substance use disorder and their family members; and

(2) is at least partly governed by individuals recovering from a substance use disorder or their family members.

(b) The executive commissioner, with input from the work group established under Subsection (c), shall adopt rules to provide Medicaid reimbursement for peer-to-peer services provided by recovery community organizations, which must include:

(1) rules that establish training requirements for recovery community organization peer-to-peer service providers;

(2) rules that establish certification and supervision requirements for recovery community organizations;

(3) rules that define the scope of peer-to-peer

1 services that recovery community organizations may provide;

2 (4) rules that distinguish peer-to-peer services
3 provided by recovery community organizations from other services
4 that a person must hold a license to provide; and

5 (5) any other rules necessary to protect the health
6 and safety of individuals receiving services provided by recovery
7 community organizations.

8 (c) The executive commissioner shall establish a work group
9 to provide input for the adoption of rules under Subsection (b).

10 The work group is composed of at least 9 but not more than 13 members
11 with expertise in substance use disorder recovery or recovery
12 community organizations. The executive commissioner shall ensure
13 that at least half of the work group members are from rural
14 communities in this state.

15 (d) The executive commissioner shall appoint one work group
16 member to serve as presiding officer.

17 (e) The work group is automatically abolished on the
18 adoption of rules under Subsection (b).

19 (f) Subsections (c), (d), and (e) and this subsection expire
20 September 1, 2023.

21 SECTION 2. Effective January 1, 2023, Section 32.024, Human
22 Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (pp) to read as
23 follows:

24 (pp) The commission in its rules and standards governing the
25 scope of services provided under the medical assistance program
26 shall include peer-to-peer services provided by recovery community
27 organizations as defined by Section 531.09991, Government Code, to

1 the extent permitted by federal law.

2 SECTION 3. Not later than December 31, 2021, the executive
3 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
4 establish the work group required by Section 531.09991, Government
5 Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 4. Not later than December 31, 2022, the executive
7 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
8 adopt the rules required by Section 531.09991, Government Code, as
9 added by this Act.

10 SECTION 5. If before implementing any provision of this Act
11 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
12 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
13 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
14 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
15 waiver or authorization is granted.

16 SECTION 6. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.