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S.B. No. 1921

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of certain behavioral health and physical health services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0246 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0246. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES. (a) In this section, "behavioral health services" has the meaning assigned by Section 533.00255(a), Government Code, and includes targeted case management and psychiatric rehabilitation services.

(b) The commission shall provide to a public or private provider of behavioral health services medical assistance reimbursement through a fee-for-service delivery model for behavioral health or physical health services provided to a recipient before that recipient's enrollment with and receipt of medical assistance services through a managed care organization under Chapter 533, Government Code.

(c) The commission shall ensure that a public or private provider of behavioral health services who is reimbursed under Subsection (b) through a fee-for-service delivery model is provided medical assistance reimbursement through a managed care model for behavioral health or physical health services provided to a recipient after that recipient's enrollment with and receipt of

1 medical assistance services through a managed care organization
2 under Chapter 533, Government Code.

3 SECTION 2. The Health and Human Services Commission is
4 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
5 legislature appropriates money to the commission specifically for
6 that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money
7 specifically for that purpose, the commission may, but is not
8 required to, implement a provision of this Act using other
9 appropriations that are available for that purpose.

10 SECTION 3. 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 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2022.