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H.B. No. 2404

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for functional
family therapy 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 32.04261 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.04261. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY
SERVICES. (a) In this section:

(1) "At-risk youth" means children who are at risk of
involvement with the child welfare system, the criminal justice
system, or the juvenile justice system.

(2) "Functional family therapy" means an intensive,
short-term, family-based therapeutic treatment program for at-risk
youth designed to improve family dynamics, communication, and
support by:

(A) addressing core causes of dysfunctional
behavior patterns;

(B) decreasing negativity in the household; and

(C) providing tools to improve parental skills
and relationships.

(b) The commission shall ensure that medical assistance
reimbursement is provided to a provider who provides functional
family therapy services to a recipient under the medical assistance
program.

1 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
3 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
4 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
5 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
6 waiver or authorization is granted.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.