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H.B. No. 136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for lactation
3 consultation services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.02482 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 32.02482. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR
8 LACTATION CONSULTATION SERVICES. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Lactation consultant" means an individual
10 certified by an international or national certification program
11 approved by the commission to provide lactation consultation
12 services.

13 (2) "Recipient" means a medical assistance program
14 recipient.

15 (b) The commission shall ensure medical assistance
16 reimbursement is provided to a lactation consultant for providing
17 lactation consultation services to a recipient.

18 (c) The executive commissioner shall establish a separate
19 provider type for lactation consultants for purposes of enrollment
20 as a provider for and reimbursement under the medical assistance
21 program.

22 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
23 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
24 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.