By: Hull H.B. No. 136

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 136:

By: Manuel C.S.H.B. No. 136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for lactation consultation 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 32.02482 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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