

1-1 By: Bernal, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 426
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2025;
1-3 May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Kolkhorst	X		
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Cook	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hughes		X	
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Sparks	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to Medicaid and child health plan program coverage and
1-20 reimbursement for childhood cranial remolding orthosis.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 62, Health and Safety
1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1512 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 62.1512. COVERAGE FOR CHILDHOOD CRANIAL REMOLDING
1-25 ORTHOSIS. (a) In this section, "cranial remolding orthosis" has
1-26 the meaning assigned by Section 32.03126, Human Resources Code.

1-27 (b) The child health plan must cover in full the cost of a
1-28 cranial remolding orthosis for an enrollee in the same manner that
1-29 Medicaid coverage is provided for that treatment under Section
1-30 32.03126, Human Resources Code.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
1-32 is amended by adding Section 32.03126 to read as follows:

1-33 Sec. 32.03126. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILDHOOD CRANIAL
1-34 REMOLDING ORTHOSIS. (a) In this section, "cranial remolding
1-35 orthosis" means a custom-fitted or custom-fabricated medical
1-36 device that is applied to the head to correct a deformity, improve
1-37 function, or relieve symptoms of a structural cranial disease.

1-38 (b) The commission shall ensure medical assistance
1-39 reimbursement is provided to cover in full the cost of a cranial
1-40 remolding orthosis for a child who is a medical assistance
1-41 recipient and has been diagnosed with:

1-42 (1) craniosynostosis; or

1-43 (2) plagiocephaly or brachycephaly if the child:

1-44 (A) is not less than three months of age and not
1-45 more than 18 months of age;

1-46 (B) has had documented failure to respond to
1-47 conservative therapy for at least two months; and

1-48 (C) has one of the following sets of measurements
1-49 or indications:

1-50 (i) asymmetrical appearance confirmed by a
1-51 right/left discrepancy of greater than six millimeters in a
1-52 craniofacial anthropometric measurement; or

1-53 (ii) brachycephalic or dolichocephalic
1-54 disproportion in the comparison of head length to head width
1-55 confirmed by a cephalic index of two standard deviations above or
1-56 below mean.

1-57 (c) The coverage required under this section may not be less
1-58 favorable than the coverage required for other orthotics under the
1-59 medical assistance program.

1-60 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-61 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a

2-1 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-2 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-3 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-4 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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