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H.B. No. 2573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement of doula 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 32.02481 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02481. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES. In addition to reimbursement a doula may receive under Section 32.024(qq) for case management services, the commission shall ensure that medical assistance reimbursement is provided for doula services provided by a doula to a medical assistance recipient. Notwithstanding Section 32.024(l-1), the commission shall ensure medical assistance reimbursement under this subsection is provided beginning on the date a recipient's pregnancy is confirmed by a medical professional and ending the 12th month after the date the pregnancy ends.

SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act but not later than January 1, 2026, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall seek from the appropriate federal agency an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to implement Section 32.02481, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, if before implementing any provision of this Act the Health and Human Services Commission or other state agency determines that a waiver

1 from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that
2 provision, the agency shall request the waiver and may delay
3 implementing that provision until the waiver is granted.

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