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S.B. No. 1689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reimbursement of providers under the Medicaid program for the provision of telemedicine medical services in a school-based setting.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.0217, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-4) and amending Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(c-4) The commission shall ensure that Medicaid reimbursement is provided to a physician for a telemedicine medical service provided by the physician, even if the physician is not the patient's primary care physician or provider, if:

(1) the physician is an authorized health care provider under the Medicaid program;

(2) the patient is a child who receives the service in a primary or secondary school-based setting; and

(3) a health professional is present with the patient during the treatment.

(g) If a patient receiving a telemedicine medical service has a primary care physician or provider and consents or, if appropriate, the patient's parent or legal guardian consents to the notification, the commission may ~~shall~~ require that the primary care physician or provider be notified of the telemedicine medical service for the purpose of sharing medical information. In the case

1 of a service provided to a child in a school-based setting as
2 described by Subsection (c-4), the notification, if any, must
3 include a summary of the service, including exam findings,
4 prescribed or administered medications, and patient instructions.

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

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.