

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,

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 136 was passed by the House on April 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 16, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 136 was passed by the Senate on May 8, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor