

1-1 By: Laubenberg, et al. H.B. No. 1878
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Collin)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
 1-4 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Education; May 18, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt			X	
1-11 Campbell			X	
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Huffines			X	
1-14 Kolkhorst			X	
1-15 Rodríguez	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the provision of telemedicine medical services in a
 1-23 school-based setting, including the reimbursement of providers
 1-24 under the Medicaid program for those services.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 531.0217, Government Code, is amended by
 1-27 adding Subsections (c-4) and (g-1) and amending Subsection (g) to
 1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (c-4) The commission shall ensure that Medicaid
 1-30 reimbursement is provided to a physician for a telemedicine medical
 1-31 service provided by the physician, even if the physician is not the
 1-32 patient's primary care physician or provider, if:

1-33 (1) the physician is an authorized health care
 1-34 provider under Medicaid;

1-35 (2) the patient is a child who receives the service in
 1-36 a primary or secondary school-based setting;

1-37 (3) the parent or legal guardian of the patient
 1-38 provides consent before the service is provided; and

1-39 (4) a health professional is present with the patient
 1-40 during the treatment.

1-41 (g) If a patient receiving a telemedicine medical service
 1-42 has a primary care physician or provider and consents or, if
 1-43 appropriate, the patient's parent or legal guardian consents to the
 1-44 notification, the commission shall require that the primary care
 1-45 physician or provider be notified of the telemedicine medical
 1-46 service for the purpose of sharing medical information. In the case
 1-47 of a service provided to a child in a school-based setting as
 1-48 described by Subsection (c-4), the notification, if any, must
 1-49 include a summary of the service, including exam findings,
 1-50 prescribed or administered medications, and patient instructions.

1-51 (g-1) If a patient receiving a telemedicine medical service
 1-52 in a school-based setting as described by Subsection (c-4) does not
 1-53 have a primary care physician or provider, the commission shall
 1-54 require that the patient's parent or legal guardian receive:

1-55 (1) the notification required under Subsection (g);
 1-56 and

1-57 (2) a list of primary care physicians or providers
 1-58 from which the patient may select the patient's primary care
 1-59 physician or provider.

1-60 SECTION 2. 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 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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