1-1 By: Ortega, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco)   H.B. No. 113
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 & Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	X			
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Blanco	X			
1-11	Hall	X			
1-12	Hancock	X			
1-13	Hughes			X	
1-14	LaMantia	X			
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Sparks	X			

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

1-19 relating to the use of community health workers in Medicaid managed
1-20 care.
1-21   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-22   SECTION 1.   Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 533.021 to read as follows:
1-24   Sec. 533.021.   COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.   (a)   In this
1-25 section, "community health worker" has the meaning assigned by
1-26 Section 48.001, Health and Safety Code.
1-27   (b)   The commission shall allow each Medicaid managed care
1-28 organization providing health care services under the STAR Medicaid
1-29 managed care program to categorize services provided by a community
1-30 health worker as a quality improvement cost, as authorized by
1-31 federal law, instead of as an administrative expense.
1-32   SECTION 2.   If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-33 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
1-34 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
1-35 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
1-36 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
1-37 waiver or authorization is granted.
1-38   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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