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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to coverage for certain services relating to postpartum
3 depression under the medical assistance program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.0249 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0249. SERVICES RELATED TO POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION.

8 (a) For purposes of this section, "postpartum depression" means a
9 disorder with postpartum onset that is categorized as a mood
10 disorder by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic
11 and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), or
12 a subsequent edition adopted by rule by the executive commissioner
13 of the Health and Human Services Commission.

14 (b) The department shall provide to a woman who receives
15 medical assistance benefits during a pregnancy screening and
16 treatment for postpartum depression for the eight-month period
17 after the date the woman gives birth.

18 (c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
19 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this
20 section.

21 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
22 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
23 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
24 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or

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1 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2 waiver or authorization is granted.

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