

By: Thompson of Harris

H. B. No. 1600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain mental health screenings under the Texas Health
3 Steps 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:

7 Sec. 32.0249. MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS IN TEXAS HEALTH
8 STEPS PROGRAM. The executive commissioner, in the rules governing
9 the Texas Health Steps program, shall:

21 (4) only allow a provider to be reimbursed for
22 conducting one mental health screening using one or more validated,
23 standardized mental health screening tools during each annual
24 medical exam of a recipient described by Subdivision (1)

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.