

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2011, the 82nd Texas Legislature passed S.B. 293. This legislation helped create a cost-effective alternative to more traditional ways of providing medical care by allowing Medicaid to cover home telemonitoring services for individuals with specific medical conditions. Additionally, the bill provided for a Sunset date of September 1, 2015, for Medicaid reimbursement for home telemonitoring services.

C.S.H.B. 3519 extends the Sunset date for Medicaid reimbursement for home telemonitoring services to September 1, 2019.

C.S.H.B. 3519 amends current law relating to reimbursement for home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 531.02176, Government Code, as amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, as follows:

Sec. 531.02176. EXPIRATION OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVISION OF HOME TELEMONITORING SERVICES. Prohibits the Health and Human Services Commission, notwithstanding any other law, from reimbursing providers under Medicaid for the provision of home telemonitoring services on or after September 1, 2019, rather than September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. Requires a state agency, if necessary for implementation of a provision of this Act, to request a waiver or authorization from a federal agency, and authorizes a delay of implementation until such a waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.