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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the delivery of benefits under Medicaid using telecommunications and information technology.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.039, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) and (h) to read as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), and regardless of whether an enrollee has had an in-person assessment in the calendar year, a managed care organization may use synchronous audiovisual technology to administer:

(1) a STAR Kids Screening and Assessment Instrument;

(2) a STAR+PLUS Medical Necessity Level of Care assessment; and

(3) any assessment that results in a resource utilization group change.

(h) Regardless of how an assessment is conducted under Subsection (g), managed care organizations may conduct service coordination through audiovisual or audio-only communications if requested by the enrollee.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act

does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.