

## HEALTHCARE BILL PASSED

<a href="#">HB 606</a>	<a href="#">Davis, Sarah(R)</a> <a href="#">Huffman, Joan(R)</a>	Relating to a study on the benefits of prenatal surgical procedures to treat birth defects.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study for cost benefit of specific surgeries for treating a birth defect before a child is born.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 751</a>	<a href="#">Zerwas, John(R)</a> <a href="#">Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)</a>	Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Allows pharmacies to substitute biologicals and biosimilars for prescription medications that are substantially the same, without the physicians approval.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 1038</a>	<a href="#">Sheffield, J.D.(R)</a> <a href="#">Watson, Kirk(D)</a>	Relating to insurance coverage for hemophilia medical treatment.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Adds premium payment assistance to state's hemophilia assistance program.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	06-17-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 1624</a>	<a href="#">Smithee, John(R)</a> <a href="#">Seliger, Kel(R)</a>	Relating to transparency of certain information related to certain health benefit plan coverage.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Requires the Texas Department of Insurance to develop a template for insurance companies to display their formulary and provider directories on their website.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 1878</a>	<a href="#">Laubenberg, Jodie(R)</a> <a href="#">Taylor, Van (F)(R)</a>	Relating to the reimbursement of providers under the Medicaid program for the provision of telemedicine medical services in a school-based setting.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Requires Medicaid reimbursement when physicians provide telemedicine services in a primary or secondary school setting.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 2641</a>	<a href="#">Zerwas, John(R)</a> <a href="#">Schwertner, Charles(R)</a>	Relating to the exchange of electronic health information in this state.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Requires interoperability of health information technology standards of American National Standards Institute.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

<a href="#">HB 3374</a>	<a href="#">Morrison, Geanie(R)</a> <a href="#">Lucio, Eddie(D)</a>	Relating to information regarding Down syndrome.
		<b>Remarks:</b> Requires health care providers to provide current evidence based information on Down Syndrome to an expectant mother who has a test that indicates probability of a child with Down Syndrome. Prohibits information about termination.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">HB 3519</a>	<a href="#">Guerra, Bobby(D)</a> <a href="#">Watson, Kirk(D)</a>	Relating to the use of home telemonitoring services under the Medicaid program.
		<b>Remarks:</b> Extends the elimination of Medicaid reimbursement for home telemonitoring to September 2019, which was established in Texas in 2013.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">SB 339</a>	<a href="#">Eltife, Kevin(R)</a> <a href="#">Klick, Stephanie(R)</a>	Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis and the regulation of related organizations and individuals.
		<b>Remarks:</b> Creates the Texas Compassionate-Use Act to provide access to low THC cannabis for persons with intractable seizures.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 06-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">SB 760</a>	<a href="#">Schwertner, Charles(R)</a> <a href="#">Price, Four(R)</a>	Relating to provider access requirements for a Medicaid managed care organization.
		<b>Remarks:</b> Requires more appropriate network adequacy standards that are directly monitored. Requires expedited credentialing for some providers.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
<a href="#">SB 791</a>	<a href="#">Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)</a> <a href="#">Zerwas, John(R)</a>	Relating to testing for and education about congenital cytomegalovirus in infants.
		<b>Remarks:</b> Requires that congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) informational materials are provided to pregnant women. CMV causes developmental and/or hearing loss in 1 in 500 infants whose mother contracts the virus during pregnancy.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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<a href="#">HB 2082</a>	<a href="#">Laubenberg, Jodie(R)</a>	Relating to developing a pilot program to provide telemedicine medical services to certain children.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would have piloted telemedical services in the home of child who is technology dependent and being treated by three or more specialists.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-18-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services
<a href="#">HB 2703</a>	<a href="#">Simmons, Ron(R)</a>	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would have established a Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners licensure and scope of practice. Did not include requirement in addition to the national certification requirements. BCBAs are required to be state certified in order to bill Medicaid for services provided by staff they supervise. Concerns raised that the requirements for supervised practice hours and other qualification factors were not on par with similar professionals like licensed professional counselors and licensed social workers.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-18-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services
<a href="#">HB 2835</a>	<a href="#">King, Susan(R)</a> <a href="#">Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)</a>	Relating to the name of the program serving certain persons with special health care needs and prioritizing services provided under the program.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would have changed the name of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) to Texas Special Health Care Needs Program to reflect the inclusion of persons with cystic fibrosis regardless of age and, to extent allowable, give priority to those with proof of citizenship or other documentation.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-25-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
<a href="#">HB 2984</a>	<a href="#">Hughes, Bryan(R)</a>	Relating to advance directives or health care or treatment decisions made by or on behalf of patients.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would have eliminated the ability of a physician who objects to continuing life-sustaining treatment from ending treatment until patient can find and be transferred to a facility willing to comply. This is known as treatment pending transfer.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

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[HB 3473](#)      [Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#)      Relating to the provision of a cranial molding orthosis under the medical assistance and child health plan programs.

*Remarks:* Would have added orthosis for children three months to 18 months with cranial deformities to health plans.

*Bill History:* 04-28-15 H Committee action pending House Public Health

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[SB 1119](#)      [Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)      Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of telepractice to provide certain services to children and adults with an autism spectrum disorder.

*Remarks:* Would have required a six year pilot to provide services to children with autism via telemedicine from a listed university.

*Bill History:* 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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[SB 1884](#)      [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)      Relating to the provision of cognitive rehabilitation therapy under the Medicaid program.

*Remarks:* Would have added cognitive rehabilitation therapy to the state plan.

*Bill History:* 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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