

By: Ortega, et al. (Senate Sponsor  
- Blanco)

H.B. No. 113

(In the Senate - Received from the House  
April 17, 2023;  
April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to  
Committee on Health &  
Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported favorably  
by the following  
vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2023, sent to  
printer.)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

relating to the use of community health workers in Medicaid managed  
care.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 533.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.021. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. (a) In this  
section, "community health worker" has the meaning assigned by  
Section 48.001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The commission shall allow each Medicaid managed care  
organization providing health care services under the STAR Medicaid  
managed care program to categorize services provided by a community  
health worker as a quality improvement cost, as authorized by  
federal law, instead of as an administrative expense.

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

SECTION 3. 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.