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State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee Recommendations

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State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee

2022 Recommendation 1

It is the recommendation of the Network Adequacy and Access to Care subcommittee that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), if given direction or authority from the legislature, establish a program under which a parent, guardian, or family member of an enrollee in Medicaid approved by the enrollee's parent or guardian may be licensed as a Licensed Health Aide(LHA) and, under the direction of a Registered Nurse, provide LHA services to the enrollee through a Private Duty Nursing agency, which services will be subject to an enhanced reimbursement rate of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

This effort is designed to mitigate staffing issues that have affected this benefit for years and worsened during the public health emergency.