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S.B. No. 308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (1-1), (1-2), and (1-3) to read as follows:

(1-1) The commission shall continue to provide medical assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for pregnant women for a period of not less than 12 months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage.

(1-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1-1), the commission shall continue to provide medical assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for pregnant women:

(1) during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019, for a period of not less than four months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage;  
and

(2) during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020, for a period of not less than eight months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage.

(1-3) Subsection (1-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a

1 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
2 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
3 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
4 waiver or authorization is granted.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.