By: Zwiener

H.B. No. 2047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain

3 individuals who are younger than 26 years of age.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,

6 is amended by adding Section 32.02472 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 32.02472. EXPANDED   ELIGIBILITY   FOR   MEDICAL

8 ASSISTANCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission

9 shall provide medical assistance to all individuals younger than 26

10 years of age who apply for that assistance and for whom federal

11 matching funds are available.

12   (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary

13 to implement this section.

14   SECTION 2. Section 32.02472, Human Resources Code, as added

15 by this Act, applies only to an initial determination or

16 recertification of eligibility of an individual for medical

17 assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, made on or after

18 the date the section is implemented, regardless of the date the

19 individual applied for that assistance.

20   SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of

21 this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human

22 Services Commission shall take all necessary actions to expand

23 eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human

24 Resources Code, in accordance with Section 32.02472, Human

1 Resources Code, as added by this Act, including notifying

2 appropriate federal agencies of that expanded eligibility.

3   SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act

4 a state agency determines that any other waiver or authorization

5 from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that

6 provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the

7 waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision

8 until the waiver or authorization is granted.

9   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.