

AN ACT

relating to the submission of certain reports by the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.06021(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The [~~Not later than the 30th day after the last day of each state fiscal quarter, the~~] commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the Legislative Budget Board, and each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over Medicaid a semiannual report containing, for the preceding six-month period [~~most recent state fiscal quarter~~], the following information and data related to access to care for Medicaid recipients receiving benefits under the medically dependent children (MDCP) waiver program:

(1) enrollment in the Medicaid buy-in for children program implemented under Section 531.02444;

(2) requests relating to interest list placements under Section 531.0601;

(3) use of the Medicaid escalation help line established under Section 533.00253, if the help line was operational during the applicable six-month period [~~state fiscal quarter~~];

1 (4) use of, requests for, and outcomes of the external  
2 medical review procedure established under Section [531.024164](#); and

3 (5) complaints relating to the medically dependent  
4 children (MDCP) waiver program, categorized by disposition.

5 SECTION 2. Section [32.155](#)(e), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) The commission shall ~~[may]~~ submit the report required  
8 under Subsection (d) with the report required under Section  
9 [536.008](#), Government Code.

10 SECTION 3. Section [255.005](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 255.005. REPORT. (a) The Health and Human Services  
13 Commission ~~[department]~~ shall assess and evaluate the  
14 effectiveness of the quality assurance early warning system and  
15 shall report its findings annually to the governor, the lieutenant  
16 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

17 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall submit  
18 the report required under this section with the report required  
19 under Section [536.008](#), Government Code.

20 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
21 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
22 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
23 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
24 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
25 waiver or authorization is granted.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3265 was passed by the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 22, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3265 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 114, Nays 25, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3265 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor