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S.B. No. 651

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the repeal of certain contracting requirements under
3 the Medicaid managed care delivery model.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 533.003(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) In awarding contracts to managed care organizations,
8 the commission shall:

9 (1) give preference to organizations that have
10 significant participation in the organization's provider network
11 from each health care provider in the region who has traditionally
12 provided care to Medicaid and charity care patients;

13 (2) give extra consideration to organizations that
14 agree to assure continuity of care for at least three months beyond
15 the period of Medicaid eligibility for recipients;

16 (3) consider the need to use different managed care
17 plans to meet the needs of different populations;

18 (4) consider the ability of organizations to process
19 Medicaid claims electronically; and

20 (5) in the initial implementation of managed care in
21 the South Texas service region, give extra consideration to an
22 organization that ~~[either~~

23 ~~[(A)]~~ is locally owned, managed, and operated, if
24 one exists ~~[, or~~

1 [~~(B) is in compliance with the requirements of~~
2 ~~Section 533.004~~].

3 SECTION 2. Section 533.004, Government Code, is repealed.

4 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
5 contracts by the Health and Human Services Commission that are
6 fully executed on or after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
8 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
9 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
10 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
11 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
12 waiver or authorization is granted.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.