

Strike Section 2.72 and insert a new section 2.72 to read as follows:

SECTION 2.72. Section 32.0261, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

§ 32.0261. Continuous Eligibility. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(12), as amended, to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child under 19 years of age who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under this chapter. The rules shall provide that the child remains eligible for medical assistance, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of:

(1) ~~the first anniversary of the date~~ six months from the date on which the child's eligibility was determined; or

(2) the child's 19th birthday.