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H.B. No. 1256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition of expansion of managed care delivery systems under the state Medicaid program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 533.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.019. PROHIBITION ON EXPANSION OF MEDICAID MANAGED DELIVERY SYSTEMS. Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may not:

(1) implement additional Medicaid managed care pilot programs, Medicaid behavioral health pilot programs, or Medicaid Star + Plus pilot programs; or

(2) otherwise expand the use of managed care delivery systems under the Medicaid program in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 533.019, Government Code, as added by this Act, does not affect the authority of the Health and Human Services Commission or a health and human services agency to administer a pilot program or other managed care delivery system that is in operation on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.