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H.B. No. 1548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to enrollment of certain children in the state child  
3 health plan.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 62, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1045 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 62.1045. ELIGIBILITY SCREENING AND ENROLLMENT OF  
8 CERTAIN MEDICAID APPLICANTS. (a) In the case of a child who applies  
9 for Medicaid coverage, who is not Medicaid-eligible, but who may  
10 instead be eligible for coverage under the child health plan, the  
11 state agency that determines Medicaid eligibility shall also  
12 determine whether the child is eligible to enroll in the child  
13 health plan.

14 (b) If the state agency determines that the child is  
15 eligible for the child health plan, the agency shall enroll the  
16 child in the child health plan.

17 (c) This section does not prohibit the commission from  
18 delegating to another state agency or to a contractor the duty to:

19 (1) maintain enrollee records under the child health  
20 plan; or

21 (2) perform eligibility screening and enrollment  
22 functions other than the functions described by this section.

23 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
24 section, not later than September 1, 2004, the Health and Human

1 Services Commission shall implement Section 62.1045, Health and  
2 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

3 (b) If before implementing any provision of this Act a state  
4 agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal  
5 agency is necessary, the state agency shall request the waiver or  
6 authorization and may delay implementation of that provision until  
7 the waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.