

1-1 By: Capelo (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1920
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain immunization programs.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
1-11 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0095 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 161.0095. PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. The department
1-13 shall develop continuing education programs for providers relating
1-14 to immunizations and the vaccines for children program operated by
1-15 the department under authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396s, as
1-16 amended. The department shall establish a work group to assist the
1-17 department in developing the continuing education programs and
1-18 materials. The work group shall include physicians, nurses,
1-19 department representatives, representatives of managed care
1-20 organizations that provide health care services under Chapter 533,
1-21 Government Code, representatives of health plan providers that
1-22 provide health care services under Chapter 62, and members of the
1-23 public.

1-24 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 531.063 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 531.063. VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM PROVIDER
1-27 ENROLLMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT. (a) In this section, "vaccines for
1-28 children program" means the program operated by the Texas
1-29 Department of Health under authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396s, as
1-30 amended.

1-31 (b) The commission shall ensure that a provider can enroll
1-32 in the vaccines for children program on the same form the provider
1-33 completes to apply as a Medicaid health care provider.

1-34 (c) The commission shall allow providers to report vaccines
1-35 administered under the vaccines for children program to the
1-36 immunization registry established under Section 161.007, Health
1-37 and Safety Code, and to use the immunization registry, including
1-38 individually identifiable information in accordance with state and
1-39 federal law, to determine whether a child has received an
1-40 immunization.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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