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H.B. No. 2695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prescription drug coverage under the state Medicaid  
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.0214(d), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) The commission shall develop the database system in a  
8 manner that will enable a complete analysis of the use of  
9 prescription medications, including information relating to:

10 (1) Medicaid clients for whom more than six [~~three~~]  
11 medications have been prescribed; and

12 (2) the medical effect denial of Medicaid coverage for  
13 more than six [~~three~~] medications has had on Medicaid clients.

14 SECTION 2. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended  
15 by adding Subsection (z) to read as follows:

16 (z) In its rules and standards governing the vendor drug  
17 program, the department may not limit to less than six the number of  
18 medications prescribed each month to a recipient of prescription  
19 drug benefits under the medical assistance program.

20 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
21 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
22 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
23 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
24 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

2           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
3 applies to a person receiving medical assistance on or after that  
4 date regardless of the date on which the person began receiving that  
5 medical assistance.