

Amend CSHB 2463 as follows:

(1) On page __, after line __, insert the following appropriately labeled sections:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding the following appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

Sec. . MEDICAID HEALTH LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In order to prevent unnecessary emergency room visits and health costs for Medicaid recipients, the commission shall develop and implement a Medicaid health literacy pilot program in Bexar County under which Medicaid recipients with young children receive health information materials and training designed to improve their health care decision-making.

(b) The pilot program must:

(1) establish a statistically significant test group and control group of Medicaid recipients with young children; and

(2) provide the test group with health information materials in English and Spanish that:

(A) are developed with consideration of the literacy level of the test group; and

(B) provide the test group with information to guide their health care decisions, including information about common health problems, prevention, home treatment, and circumstances in which it is appropriate to contact a health care professional.

(c) The commission shall establish the pilot program through a local governmental entity in Bexar County that chooses to participate. The commission shall request participation by the Bexar County Hospital District with the hospital district's subsidiary, Community First Health Plans.

(d) The commission shall ensure that the pilot program is financed using:

(1) money provided to the commission for purposes of the program by the participating local governmental entity to maximize federal matching money under the medical assistance program; and

(2) any corresponding federal matching money.

(e) The participating local governmental entity may provide money to the commission by certification or intergovernmental transfer to finance the pilot program as described by Subsection (d)(1).

(f) Not later than January 1, 2007, the commission shall evaluate the pilot program and report to the 80th Legislature on the effectiveness of the program and the feasibility of expanding the program statewide.

(g) This section expires September 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Amendment a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.