

Amend **CSSB 1188** (House Committee Printing) in SECTION 5(a) of the bill by striking added Section 531.083, Government Code (page 11, line 23, through page 12, line 15), and substituting the following:

Sec. 531.083. MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM. The commission shall ensure that the Medicaid long-term care system provides the broadest array of choices possible for recipients while ensuring that the services are delivered in a manner that is cost-effective and makes the best use of available funds. The commission shall also make every effort to improve the quality of care for recipients of Medicaid long-term care services by:

(1) evaluating the need for expanding the provider base for consumer-directed services and, if the commission identifies a demand for that expansion, encouraging area agencies on aging, independent living centers, and other potential long-term care providers to become providers through contracts with the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

(2) ensuring that each recipient who resides in a nursing facility and the person responsible for making health care decisions for the recipient are provided information about end-of-life care options and the importance of planning for end-of-life care, including the need for an advanced directive, as defined by Section 166.002, Health and Safety Code;

(3) developing policies to encourage a recipient who resides in a nursing facility to receive treatment at that facility whenever possible, while ensuring that the recipient receives an appropriate continuum of care; and

(4) ensuring that each recipient who resides in a nursing facility receives Medicaid long-term care coverage for the cost of a transfer to a willing provider and continued available life-sustaining treatment until the transfer is completed and, notwithstanding Sections 166.045 and 166.046, Health and Safety Code, is provided available life-sustaining treatment, if:

(A) the recipient's attending physician or nursing facility decides to deny the treatment under Section 166.045 or 166.046, Health and Safety Code;

(B) the recipient, the recipient's advanced

directive, as defined by Section 166.002, Health and Safety Code,
or the person responsible for making health care decisions for the
recipient directs that the treatment be provided; and

(C) denial of the treatment, in reasonable
medical judgment, would likely result in the recipient's death.