

Amend CSSB 1188 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY. Section 32.0261, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0261. CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(12), as amended, to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child under 19 years of age who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under this chapter. The rules shall provide that the child remains eligible for medical assistance, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of:

(1) the end of the six-month period following [~~first anniversary of~~] the date on which the child's eligibility was determined; or

(2) the child's 19th birthday.