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H.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to provision of certain optional services for adults and
3 operation of the medically needy program under the state Medicaid
4 program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 32.024(i), Human Resources Code, as
7 amended by Chapters 198 and 1251, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
8 Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (i) The [~~Subject to appropriated state funds, the~~]
10 department in its adoption of rules shall establish a medically
11 needy program that serves pregnant women, children, and caretakers
12 who have high medical expenses. At a minimum, the program must
13 serve recipients, including adult recipients, in the same manner
14 and at the same level that services were provided to recipients
15 under the medically needy program during the fiscal biennium ending
16 August 31, 2003.

17 SECTION 2. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended
18 by adding Subsection (bb) to read as follows:

19 (bb) The department shall ensure that optional services for
20 adults under the medical assistance program, including vision care
21 benefits, hearing aids, podiatric services, and chiropractic
22 services, are provided at or above the level for which the services
23 were funded during the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2003.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.