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S.B. No. 47

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Medicaid fraud reduction pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.1063(g), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The commission shall implement ~~[may extend]~~ the program statewide ~~[to additional counties]~~ if the commission determines that statewide implementation ~~[expansion]~~ would be cost-effective.

SECTION 2. (a) In addition to the report required by Section 2.23(c), Chapter 198, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, the Health and Human Services Commission shall report, not later than February 1, 2006, on the status and progress of the Medicaid fraud reduction pilot program required by Section 531.1063, Government Code, to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer of each standing committee of the senate and house of representatives having jurisdiction over the state Medicaid program.

(b) The report must include:

(1) a continued evaluation of the benefits of the program;

(2) an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the program;

(3) information concerning the cost-effectiveness of the program; and

1 (4) if the program has been implemented statewide, any
2 significant problems encountered.

3 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
4 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
5 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
6 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
7 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
8 waiver or authorization is granted.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.