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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to establishing a demonstration project for women's health
1-9 care services.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
1-12 is amended by adding Section 32.0248 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 32.0248. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE
1-14 SERVICES. (a) The department shall establish a five-year
1-15 demonstration project through the medical assistance program to
1-16 expand access to preventive health and family planning services for
1-17 women. A woman eligible under Subsection (b) to participate in the
1-18 demonstration project may receive appropriate preventive health
1-19 and family planning services, including:

- 1-20 (1) medical history recording and evaluation;
1-21 (2) physical examinations;
1-22 (3) health screenings, including screening for:
1-23 (A) diabetes;
1-24 (B) cervical cancer;
1-25 (C) breast cancer;
1-26 (D) sexually transmitted diseases;
1-27 (E) hypertension;
1-28 (F) cholesterol; and
1-29 (G) tuberculosis;
1-30 (4) counseling and education on contraceptive
1-31 methods;
1-32 (5) provision of contraceptives;
1-33 (6) risk assessment; and
1-34 (7) referral of medical problems to appropriate
1-35 providers.

1-36 (b) A woman is eligible to participate in the demonstration
1-37 project if the woman is at least 18 years of age and:

- 1-38 (1) has a net family income that is at or below 185
1-39 percent of the federal poverty level;
1-40 (2) participates in or receives benefits under any of
1-41 the following:

- 1-42 (A) the medical assistance program;
1-43 (B) the financial assistance program under
1-44 Chapter 31;
1-45 (C) the nutritional assistance program under
1-46 Chapter 33;
1-47 (D) the Supplemental Food Program for Women,
1-48 Infants and Children; or
1-49 (E) another program administered by the state
1-50 that:

- 1-51 (i) requires documentation of income; and
1-52 (ii) restricts eligibility to persons with
1-53 income equal to or less than the income eligibility guidelines
1-54 applicable to the medical assistance program;

1-55 (3) is presumed eligible for one of the programs
1-56 listed in Subdivision (2) pending completion of that program's
1-57 eligibility process; or

1-58 (4) is a member of a family that contains at least one
1-59 person who participates in or receives benefits under one of the
1-60 programs listed in Subdivision (2).

1-61 (c) The department shall ensure that the standards of care
1-62 provided to a woman participating in the demonstration project are
1-63 consistent with the requirements of law and current best practices
1-64 for provision of public health services.

