

Amend CSHB 109 as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 16, strike "Subsection (b)" and substitute "Subsections (a) and (b)".

(2) On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(a) A child is eligible for health benefits coverage under the child health plan if the child:

(1) is younger than 19 years of age;

(2) is not eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program;

(3) is not covered by a health benefits plan offering adequate benefits, as determined by the commission;

(4) has a family income that is less than or equal to the income eligibility level established under Subsection (b); ~~and~~

(5) is determined by the commission to be:

(A) a United States citizen; or

(B) eligible for coverage under Section 62.105;

and

(6) satisfies any other eligibility standard imposed under the child health plan program in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1397bb, as amended, and any other applicable law or regulations.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 62.105, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.105. COVERAGE FOR QUALIFIED ALIENS. (a) The commission shall provide coverage under the state Medicaid program and under the program established under this chapter to a child who is a qualified alien, as that term is defined by 8 U.S.C. Section 1641(b), if the federal government authorizes the state to provide that coverage. The commission shall comply with any prerequisite imposed under the federal law to providing that coverage.

(b) The commission shall verify that the child meets the requirements of this section by accessing the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security.