

Amend CSSB 10 by adding the following appropriately numbered section:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.02414 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02414. BILLING COORDINATION SYSTEM. (a) The commission shall, on or before March 1, 2008, contract for the implementation of a billing coordination system that will, upon entry in the claims system, identify within 24 hours whether another entity has primary responsibility for paying the claim and submit the claim to the issuer the system determines is the primary payor.

(b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules for the purpose of enabling the system to identify an entity with primary responsibility for paying a claim and establish reporting requirements for any entity that may have a contractual responsibility to pay for the types of services provided under the Medicaid program.

(c) An entity that holds a permit, license, or certificate of authority issued by a regulatory agency of the state must allow the contractor under subsection (a) access to databases to allow the contractor to carry out the purposes of this subchapter subject to the contractor's contract with the commission and rules adopted under this subchapter and is subject to an administrative penalty or other sanction as provided by the law applicable to the permit, license, or certificate of authority for a violation by the entity of a rule adopted under this subchapter.

(d) After June 1, 2008, no public funds shall be expended on entities not in compliance with this subchapter unless a memorandum of understanding is entered into between the entity and the commissioner.

(e) Information obtained under this subchapter is confidential. The agent may use the information only for the purposes authorized under this subchapter. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly uses information obtained under this subchapter for any purpose not authorized under this subchapter. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.