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H.B. No. 838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to income eligibility standards for certain applicants for
3 the child health plan program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.101(b), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The commission shall establish income eligibility
8 levels consistent with Title XXI, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 Section 1397aa et seq.), as amended, and any other applicable law or
10 regulations, and subject to the availability of appropriated money,
11 so that a child who is younger than 19 years of age and whose gross
12 family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty
13 level is eligible for health benefits coverage under the program.

14 ~~[In addition, the commission may establish eligibility standards~~
15 ~~regarding the amount and types of allowable assets for a family~~
16 ~~whose gross family income is above 150 percent of the federal~~
17 ~~poverty level.]~~

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.