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H.B. No. 1220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eligibility for and the administration of the child
3 health plan program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.002(4), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (4) "Net [~~Gross~~] family income" means the [~~total~~]
8 amount of income established for a family after reduction for
9 offsets for expenses such as child care and work-related expenses,
10 in accordance with standards applicable under the Medicaid [~~without~~
11 ~~consideration of any reduction for offsets that may be available to~~
12 ~~the family under any other~~] program.

13 SECTION 2. Section 62.101(b), Health and Safety Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (b) The commission shall establish income eligibility
16 levels consistent with Title XXI, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 Section 1397aa et seq.), as amended, and any other applicable law or
18 regulations, and subject to the availability of appropriated money,
19 so that a child who is younger than 19 years of age and whose net
20 [~~gross~~] family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal
21 poverty level is eligible for health benefits coverage under the
22 program. [~~In addition, the commission may establish eligibility~~
23 ~~standards regarding the amount and types of allowable assets for a~~
24 ~~family whose gross family income is above 150 percent of the federal~~

1 ~~poverty level.]~~

2 SECTION 3. Section 62.102, Health and Safety Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 62.102. CONTINUOUS COVERAGE. The commission shall
5 provide that an individual who is determined to be eligible for
6 coverage under the child health plan remains eligible for those
7 benefits until the earlier of:

8 (1) the end of a period, not to exceed 12 months, [~~the~~
9 ~~six-month period~~] following the date of the eligibility
10 determination; or

11 (2) the individual's 19th birthday.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.