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H.B. No. 1229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a decision-making period for persons on waiting lists for certain Medicaid services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.02181 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02181. DECISION-MAKING PERIOD FOR CERTAIN WAIVER PROGRAM SERVICES. The commission shall ensure that a person on a waiting list for services under a Section 1915(c) waiver program, or if the person is a child, the child's parent or guardian, has at least 21 days to determine whether to accept or decline the services when those services become available.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.