

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2275

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to parental access to information concerning a child's  
3 coverage under a health benefit plan or status under certain  
4 state-funded health care programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 531.088 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.088. PARENT'S ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

9 Notwithstanding any other law, and to the extent permitted by  
10 federal law, the executive commissioner by rule shall ensure that a  
11 parent of a child, regardless of the parent's conservatorship  
12 status, has access to information regarding whether a child is a  
13 recipient of medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources  
14 Code, or is enrolled under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, if  
15 the parent provides proof of parenthood.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 1504, Insurance Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 1504.004 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 1504.004. PARENT'S ACCESS TO COVERAGE STATUS

19 INFORMATION. Notwithstanding any other law, a health benefit plan  
20 issuer shall provide a parent of a child, regardless of the parent's  
21 conservatorship status, information regarding the status of the  
22 child's health benefits coverage if the parent provides proof of  
23 parenthood. The commissioner may adopt rules under Section  
24 1504.002 to implement this section.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.