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H.B. No. 2377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the restoration of the medically needy program under
3 the state Medicaid program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024(i), Human Resources Code, as
6 amended by Chapters 198 and 1251, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
7 Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (i) The [~~Subject to appropriated state funds, the~~]
9 department in its adoption of rules shall establish a medically
10 needy program that serves pregnant women, children, and caretakers
11 who have high medical expenses. At a minimum, the program must
12 serve recipients, including adult recipients, in the same manner
13 and at the same level that services were provided to recipients
14 under the medically needy program during the state fiscal biennium
15 ending August 31, 2003. Expenditures by the department for the
16 program may not be made contingent on the contribution of local
17 matching funds.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.