

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2447

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to offsets for child care expenses in determining
3 eligibility for the child 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 child care expenses, in accordance with standards
10 applicable under the Medicaid [~~without consideration of any~~
11 ~~reduction for offsets that may be available to the family under any~~
12 ~~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. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.