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H.B. No. 3466

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to implementing incentives to encourage Medicaid recipients to engage in healthy behaviors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.098 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.098. INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS. (a) If the commission determines that it is feasible and cost-effective, the commission shall develop and implement incentives to encourage Medicaid recipients to engage in healthy behaviors.

(b) Incentives implemented under Subsection (a) may include enhanced benefit accounts or other similar rewards accounts that allow Medicaid recipients who engage in prescribed health-related activities to earn credits to the accounts that may be used to obtain enhanced health care benefits.

(c) The commission may implement the incentives developed under this section in a pilot program before determining whether to implement the incentives statewide.

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

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

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