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H.B. No. 3975

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operation of certain health and human services
3 systems and programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF REDESIGNED INTEGRATED ELIGIBILITY
6 AND BENEFITS DETERMINATION SYSTEM LIMITED. (a) Subject to
7 Subsection (b) of this section, on and after September 1, 2007, the
8 Health and Human Services Commission may not implement the
9 redesigned integrated eligibility and benefits determination
10 system for health and human services, including the Texas
11 Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System, in any area of this
12 state in which the system was not operating immediately before that
13 date.

14 (b) On and after September 1, 2007, the Health and Human
15 Services Commission may not enter into or renew a contract for the
16 operation of any component of the redesigned integrated eligibility
17 and benefits determination system for health and human services,
18 including the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System.

19 SECTION 2. EXPANSION OF MEDICAID STAR + PLUS PROGRAM
20 LIMITED. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section, on and
21 after September 1, 2007, the Health and Human Services Commission
22 may not implement the Medicaid Star + Plus program in any area of
23 this state in which the program was not operating immediately
24 before that date.

1 (b) On and after September 1, 2007, the Health and Human
2 Services Commission may not enter into or renew a contract for the
3 operation of any component of the Medicaid Star + Plus program.

4 SECTION 3. MODIFICATIONS. As soon as possible after
5 September 1, 2007, the Health and Human Services Commission shall
6 consider the recommendations of the subcommittee of the House Human
7 Services Committee established to study and make recommendations
8 regarding the redesigned integrated eligibility and benefits
9 determination system for health and human services, including the
10 Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System, and the Medicaid
11 Star + Plus program. The commission shall:

12 (1) implement those recommendations; or

13 (2) for each recommendation made by the subcommittee
14 that the commission does not implement, submit a detailed report to
15 the House Human Services Committee specifying the reasons the
16 recommendation was not implemented.

17 SECTION 4. TERMINATION. (a) On and after September 1,
18 2009, the Health and Human Services Commission shall cease using
19 the redesigned integrated eligibility and benefits determination
20 system for health and human services, including the Texas
21 Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System, in any area of this
22 state in which the system was implemented, except to the extent
23 required by a contract entered into before September 1, 2007.

24 (b) On and after September 1, 2009, the Health and Human
25 Services Commission shall cease operating the Medicaid Star + Plus
26 program in any area of this state in which the program was
27 implemented, except to the extent required by a contract entered

1 into before September 1, 2007.

2 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.