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S.B. No. 298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the minimum eligibility standards adopted by this state
3 for use in determining eligibility for indigent health care.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.006(b), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The minimum eligibility standards must incorporate a
8 net income eligibility level equal to 100 [~~21~~] percent of the
9 federal poverty level based on the federal Office of Management and
10 Budget poverty index.

11 SECTION 2. Section 61.023(b), Health and Safety Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) A county may use a less restrictive standard of
14 eligibility for residents than prescribed by Subsection (a). A
15 county may credit toward eligibility for state assistance under
16 this subchapter only the services provided to a a [~~each~~] person who is
17 an eligible resident under a standard of eligibility prescribed by
18 Subsection (a) [~~that incorporates a net income eligibility level~~
19 ~~that is less than 50 percent of the federal poverty level based on~~
20 ~~the federal Office of Management and Budget poverty index~~].

21 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
22 to:

23 (1) an application for health care services filed on
24 or after the effective date of this Act; or

1 (2) an application for health care services filed
2 before the effective date of this Act with regard to which a final
3 determination of eligibility has not been made before that date.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.