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H.B. No. 892

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Women's Health Program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.095 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.095. IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO ACHIEVE CASELOAD AND COST-SAVINGS ESTIMATES. (a) To attain the state and federal cost-savings and reduced rates of unintended pregnancies estimated in the waiver application, or any renewal waiver application, submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for implementation of the demonstration project authorized under Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, the commission shall implement effective education, outreach, and other measures designed to increase participation in the demonstration project and through the increased participation achieve the caseload and cost-saving estimates stated in the waiver application.

(b) The commission, in complying with Subsection (a), may not take any action to decrease the level of programs and services designed to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and lower the rates of sexually transmitted diseases to below the level of programs and services provided on September 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (b-3) to read as

1 follows:

2 (b-1) The department shall identify women potentially
3 eligible for participation in the demonstration project following
4 pregnancies for which the women received benefits through the
5 medical assistance program and assist those women in establishing
6 eligibility for the demonstration project. Benefits received
7 through the demonstration project shall begin on the first day of
8 the month following termination of eligibility for the medical
9 assistance program.

10 (b-2) The department shall modify any applicable
11 administrative procedures to ensure that a woman described by
12 Subsection (b-1) maintains continuous eligibility for any services
13 provided by both the medical assistance program and the
14 demonstration project during the transition from participation in
15 the medical assistance program to participation in the
16 demonstration project.

17 (b-3) The department shall require any entity that provides
18 information and services to participants in the medical assistance
19 program to provide the following information to women who are
20 potentially eligible for the demonstration project:

21 (1) a description of benefits available through the
22 demonstration project; and

23 (2) information on how to apply for enrollment in the
24 demonstration project.

25 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
26 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
27 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization in a timely manner and may delay implementing that
3 provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.