

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 1080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.002(4), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Net family income" means the amount of income established for a family after reduction for offsets for child care expenses and child support expenses, in accordance with standards applicable under the Medicaid program.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a determination or redetermination of eligibility, including a review conducted under Section 62.102(b), Health and Safety Code, of a person for coverage under the child health plan under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, made on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of the date the person initially applied for that coverage.

SECTION 3. 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 waiver or authorization is granted.

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