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H.B. No. 3354

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to elimination of an assets limit for purposes of
3 determining eligibility for a Medicare savings program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.0681 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.0681. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY
8 GUIDELINES. (a) For purposes of this section, "Medicare savings
9 program" means a program under which a person receives assistance
10 through the Medicaid program in paying premiums, coinsurance,
11 deductibles, or other costs incurred by the person under the
12 Medicare program.

13 (b) In determining eligibility for a Medicare savings
14 program, the commission may not limit the amount of an applicant's
15 assets.

16 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
17 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
18 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
19 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
20 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
21 waiver or authorization is granted.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.