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S.B. No. 1305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to insurance premium payment assistance for certain persons who have hemophilia and are unable to pay the entire cost of treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to providing financial assistance under Subsection (c), the department may assist an eligible person by providing premium payment assistance for insurance coverage.

SECTION 2. Section 41.004, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a [A] person is not eligible to receive services provided by this chapter:

(1) to the extent that another person with a legal obligation to provide for the person's care and treatment is financially able to pay for all or part of the services provided by this chapter; or

(2) to the extent that the person or a person with a legal obligation to support the person is eligible for some other benefit that would pay for all or part of the services provided by this chapter.

(c) A person is not ineligible to receive services provided

1 by this chapter solely because the person receives benefits through
2 the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool under Chapter 1506, Insurance
3 Code.

4 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1506, Insurance Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 1506.1535 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1506.1535. PARTICIPANTS IN HEMOPHILIA ASSISTANCE
7 PROGRAM. Notwithstanding Section 1506.153, an individual is
8 eligible for coverage from the pool if the individual receives
9 financial assistance under the hemophilia assistance program
10 described by Section 41.002, Health and Safety Code.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.