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H.B. No. 1512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an electronic record of eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0451 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0451. ELECTRONIC RECORD OF ELIGIBILITY. The executive commissioner shall adopt rules to establish a system by which a Medicaid recipient's eligibility for benefits, including medical care identification information, is electronically coded to a card similar to the Lone Star card. The rules must provide for the following:

(1) after making an initial eligibility determination, the commission shall include the card in the materials mailed to the recipient with the written notice of eligibility;

(2) the recipient's periodic eligibility redetermination is electronically coded to the card; and

(3) the card replaces any eligibility redetermination notice, Form H3087, or other written notice of continuing eligibility.

SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules required by Section 531.0451, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than

1 December 31, 2011.

2 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
4 federal agency is necessary for the implementation of that
5 provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the
6 waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision
7 until the waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.