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H.B. No. 1983

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain labor inductions performed on recipients under the Medicaid program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0313 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0313. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN LABOR INDUCTIONS.

(a) The department may not reimburse a provider under the medical assistance program for a nonmedically indicated labor induction performed at a hospital on a woman earlier than the 39th week of gestation.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules for reimbursing a provider under the medical assistance program for medically indicated labor inductions performed at a hospital on a woman earlier than the 39th week of gestation.

SECTION 2. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study to assess the effects of the reimbursement prohibition and policies adopted under Section 32.0313, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, on infant health and frequency of infant admissions to neonatal intensive care units and hospital readmissions for mothers and infants.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2012, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit a written report containing the

1 findings of the study conducted under this section together with  
2 the commission's recommendations to the standing committees of the  
3 senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction  
4 over the Medicaid program.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.