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H.B. No. 3678

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to implementation of certain cost-saving measures for the Medicaid vendor drug program and child health plan program prescription drug 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 531.0695 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0695. COST-SAVING MEASURES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. The commission shall implement:

(1) uniform limits on prescription drugs provided to a Medicaid recipient, regardless of whether the recipient receives benefits under a fee-for-service model or a managed care model, including the primary care case management model;

(2) cost-containment strategies to:

(A) manage prescription drug benefits under the Medicaid program and the child health plan program; and

(B) where possible, shift from brand name prescription drug use to generic prescription drug use to achieve a four percent or greater increase in generic prescription drugs, and a corresponding decrease in brand name prescription drugs, under the Medicaid and child health plan programs, as compared to the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2011; and

(3) program changes to obtain all available pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates for prescription drugs paid

1 for under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

2 SECTION 2. 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 implementation of that provision,
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.