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H.B. No. 2681

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a pilot project to determine the most efficient
3 transportation service delivery model for the Medicaid medical
4 transportation program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.024141 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.024141. MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PILOT
9 PROJECT. (a) In this section, "medical transportation program" has
10 the meaning assigned by Section 531.02414.

11 (b) The commission shall develop and implement a pilot
12 project to determine the most efficient delivery model for the
13 medical transportation program. The project must implement one or
14 more of the following transportation service delivery models in
15 various health care service regions in this state:

16 (1) a full-risk broker model;

17 (2) a managed care model;

18 (3) a model that maintains and expands structures for
19 delivery of medical transportation services existing on January 1,
20 2013;

21 (4) a model incorporating contracts with rural and
22 urban transit agencies for delivery of medical transportation
23 services; and

24 (5) a hybrid model that incorporates different

1 elements of the other models listed in this subsection.

2 (c) In selecting the regions to participate in the pilot
3 project and the transportation service delivery model to implement
4 in a selected region, the commission shall consider geographic and
5 client needs and existing transportation infrastructure in the
6 regions.

7 (d) The commission shall contract with an independent
8 private entity to assist the commission in developing,
9 implementing, and evaluating the pilot project. A contract between
10 the commission and a private entity shall require that the private
11 entity:

12 (1) assist the commission in developing outcome
13 measures and evaluation criteria that are capable of determining
14 operation efficiency and cost-effectiveness of each of the
15 transportation service delivery models implemented under this
16 section;

17 (2) conduct an evaluation of the results of the pilot
18 project based on identified outcome measures and criteria; and

19 (3) produce a report that is based on the evaluation
20 that contains:

21 (A) a summary of the operation of the different
22 implemented transportation service delivery models and the
23 identified outcome measures and evaluation criteria for each model;

24 (B) an assessment of the relative operation
25 efficiency and cost-effectiveness of each model;

26 (C) a recommendation regarding the model that is
27 most efficiently operated and most cost-effective; and

1 (D) a recommendation as to whether the model
2 identified in Paragraph (C) should be implemented statewide.

3 (e) Not later than December 1, 2014, the commission shall
4 submit to the legislature the report produced in accordance with
5 Subsection (d)(3) and a description of any action the commission
6 has taken or intends to take based on the report. The commission
7 shall also hold periodic briefings on the commission's own
8 initiative or at the legislature's request to inform the
9 legislature of the progress of the pilot project.

10 (f) The commission may not change a transportation service
11 delivery model or implement a new model in a health care service
12 region that is not selected for inclusion in the pilot project under
13 Subsection (b):

14 (1) until the legislature has had an opportunity to
15 review the report under Subsection (d)(3); and

16 (2) unless the revised or new model is the model
17 identified by the private entity in Subsection (d)(3)(C).

18 (g) The commission shall allow a medical transportation
19 service provider delivering service on August 1, 2013, under a
20 full-risk broker model to continue operating according to the
21 contract between the commission and the provider, but the
22 commission may not, subject to Subsection (f), implement the
23 full-risk broker model in any additional health care service
24 regions, including a region in which the pilot project is
25 implemented.

26 (h) If the commission chooses to implement a managed care
27 model in a health care service region as part of the pilot project,

1 the commission may do so only in a region in which Medicaid health
2 care services have been delivered using a managed care model for at
3 least two years at the time the commission implements a managed care
4 transportation service delivery model as part of the pilot project.

5 (i) The commission shall seek to extend any contract that is
6 scheduled to expire before December 1, 2013, under which a medical
7 transportation service provider is obligated to provide
8 transportation services using a transportation service delivery
9 model listed in Subsection (b) to enable the proper evaluation of
10 all models.

11 (j) This section expires September 1, 2015.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.