

Amend CSSB 200 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 2 of the bill and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 2 appropriately:

SECTION 2.____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.02472 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02472. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall provide medical assistance to all persons who apply for that assistance and for whom federal matching funds are available under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) to provide that assistance.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules regarding the provision of medical assistance as required by this section.

(b) The change in law made by this section applies only to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility of a person for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, made on or after January 1, 2016, regardless of the date the person applied for that assistance.

(c) As soon as possible after the effective date of this article, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall take all necessary actions to expand eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, in accordance with Section 32.02472, Human Resources Code, as added by this article, including notifying appropriate federal agencies of that expanded eligibility.