

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of centers of excellence to achieve
3 healthy fetal outcomes in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER D. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

8 FOR FETAL DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

9 Sec. 32.071. DESIGNATION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR FETAL
10 DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY. (a) The department, in consultation with
11 the Perinatal Advisory Council established under Section 241.187,
12 shall designate as centers of excellence for fetal diagnosis and
13 therapy one or more health care entities or programs in this state,
14 including institutions of higher education as defined by Section
15 61.003, Education Code, or the programs of those institutions.

16 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
17 Services Commission, in consultation with the department and the
18 Perinatal Advisory Council, shall adopt the rules necessary for a
19 health care entity or program in this state to be designated as a
20 center of excellence for fetal diagnosis and therapy.

21 Sec. 32.072. SUBCOMMITTEE. (a) The department, in
22 consultation with the Perinatal Advisory Council, shall appoint a
23 subcommittee of that advisory council to advise the advisory
24 council and the department on the development of rules related to

1 the designations made by the department under this subchapter. As
2 part of its duties under this subsection, the subcommittee
3 specifically shall advise the advisory council and the department
4 regarding the criteria necessary for a health care entity or
5 program in this state to receive a designation under this
6 subchapter.

7 (b) The subcommittee must consist of individuals with
8 expertise in fetal diagnosis and therapy. A majority of the members
9 of the subcommittee must practice in those areas in a health
10 profession in this state. The subcommittee may include national and
11 international experts.

12 Sec. 32.073. PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CENTER
13 DESIGNATIONS. The rules adopted under Section 32.071(b) must
14 prioritize awarding a designation under this subchapter to a health
15 care entity or program that:

16 (1) offers fetal diagnosis and therapy through an
17 extensive multi-specialty clinical program that is affiliated and
18 collaborates extensively with a medical school in this state and an
19 associated hospital facility that provides advanced maternal and
20 neonatal care in accordance with its level of care designation
21 received under Section [241.182](#);

22 (2) demonstrates a significant commitment to research
23 in and advancing the field of fetal diagnosis and therapy;

24 (3) offers advanced training programs in fetal
25 diagnosis and therapy; and

26 (4) integrates an advanced fetal care program with a
27 program that provides appropriate long-term monitoring and

1 follow-up care for patients.

2 Sec. 32.074. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION. The rules
3 adopted under Section 32.071(b) must ensure that a health care
4 entity or program that receives a center of excellence designation
5 under this subchapter:

6 (1) provides or is affiliated with a hospital facility
7 that provides advanced maternal and neonatal care in accordance
8 with its level of care designation received under Section 241.182;

9 (2) implements and maintains a multidisciplinary
10 health care team, including maternal fetal medicine specialists,
11 pediatric and surgical specialists, neonatologists, nurses with
12 specialized maternal and neonatal training, and other ancillary and
13 support staff as appropriate to provide maternal, fetal, and
14 neonatal services;

15 (3) establishes minimum criteria for medical staff,
16 nursing staff, and ancillary and support personnel;

17 (4) measures short-term and long-term patient
18 diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes; and

19 (5) provides to the department annual reports
20 containing aggregate data on short-term and long-term diagnostic
21 and therapeutic outcomes as requested or required by the department
22 and makes those reports available to the public.

23 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and
24 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section
25 32.071, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, not later than
26 March 1, 2017.

27 (b) Not later than September 1, 2017, the Department of

1 State Health Services shall begin awarding designations required by
2 Subchapter D, Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
3 Act, to health care entities establishing eligibility under that
4 subchapter.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2131 was passed by the House on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2131 on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2131 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor