

Amend SB 17 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 32.022 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.022. CESAREAN SECTION GUIDELINES AND TRAINING. (a) The commission, in coordination with the department, shall develop guidelines and training relating to the performance of cesarean sections on pregnant women to reduce the number of unnecessary cesarean section procedures performed in this state.

(b) The commission may make any change to the medical assistance program established under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, the commission determines necessary to implement the guidelines and training established under Subsection (a).

(c) The commission may require a health care provider to report to the commission the number of cesarean section procedures performed by the provider.

(d) In developing the guidelines and training under Subsection (a), the commission shall consult with:

(1) at least one community organization that primarily assists with the reproductive health issues of women recognized as a racial or ethnic minority or as economically disadvantaged;

(2) a professional organization of physicians;

(3) a professional organization of nurses;

(4) a professional organization of midwives;

(5) an organization of hospitals; and

(6) the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force.