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H.B. No. 242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to new mother wellness screenings under the Texas women's
3 health program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.0997 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.0997. TEXAS WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM: NEW MOTHER
8 WELLNESS SCREENINGS. (a) In this section, "Texas women's health
9 program" means a program operated by the commission that is
10 substantially similar to the demonstration project operated under
11 former Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, and that is intended
12 to expand access to preventive health and family planning services
13 for women in this state.

14 (b) The commission shall provide on request through the
15 Texas women's health program new mother wellness screenings to
16 determine if program participants are at a higher risk of death from
17 childbirth or childbirth-related complications and to determine
18 treatment options.

19 (c) The new mother wellness screenings provided under the
20 Texas women's health program must include screening for common
21 causes of maternal mortality, including:

22 (1) mental health conditions;

23 (2) behavioral health conditions;

24 (3) heart conditions;

1 (4) high blood pressure;
2 (5) hemorrhaging; and
3 (6) any other condition the commission determines
4 necessary.

5 (d) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary
6 to implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect December 1, 2017.