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H.B. No. 254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the automatic enrollment of certain women in the Texas women's health program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.02491 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02491. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN TEXAS WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "Texas women's health program" means a program operated by the commission that is substantially similar to the demonstration project operated by the Department of State Health Services under former Section 32.0248 and that is intended to expand access to preventive health and family planning services for women in this state.

(b) Subject to the eligibility requirements of the Texas women's health program, the commission shall automatically enroll a woman in the program following a pregnancy for which the woman received benefits through the medical assistance program if she is no longer eligible to participate in the medical assistance program. The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of services between the medical assistance program and the Texas women's health program; and

(2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through

1 the Texas women's health program on the first day the woman is no
2 longer eligible for the medical assistance program.

3 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary
4 to implement this section.

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