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H.B. No. 338

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to informational materials for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP perinatal programs.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0051. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR CERTAIN PREGNANT WOMEN. (a) In this section:

(1) "CHIP perinatal program" means the perinatal program operated under the child health plan program established under Chapter 62.

(2) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

(b) The commission, in coordination with the task force, shall develop for and provide to each pregnant woman enrolled in Medicaid or the CHIP perinatal program informational materials to increase the woman's ability to advocate for herself on reproductive health issues to her health care provider. The informational materials must include information on the possible health risks and complications a woman may incur before the first anniversary of the date the woman gave birth or her pregnancy ended.

(c) The informational materials developed under Subsection (b) may be in a paper or easily accessible electronic format or in another format the commission determines appropriate for the

1 provision of the materials to women under this section.

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