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H.B. No. 2607

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to demonstration projects to coordinate eligibility  
3 renewal and eligibility recertification for certain children in the  
4 Medicaid and child health plan programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 62, Health and Safety  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1025 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 62.1025. ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

9 (a) The commission shall establish a demonstration project through  
10 the child health plan program to allow the commission to  
11 simultaneously renew the eligibility of multiple children within  
12 the same household who are eligible for enrollment in the program.

13 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
14 to determine the scope of, and eligibility for participating in,  
15 the demonstration project.

16 (c) The commission shall operate the demonstration project  
17 under this section in conjunction with the demonstration project  
18 under Section 32.02614, Human Resources Code, if feasible.

19 (d) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commission shall  
20 submit a report to the legislature regarding the commission's  
21 progress in establishing and operating the demonstration project  
22 and recommendations on continuing or expanding the demonstration  
23 project.

24 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,  
2 is amended by adding Section 32.02614 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 32.02614. ELIGIBILITY RECERTIFICATION DEMONSTRATION  
4 PROJECT. (a) The commission shall establish a demonstration  
5 project through the medical assistance program to allow the  
6 commission to simultaneously recertify the eligibility of multiple  
7 children within the same household who are eligible for medical  
8 assistance under this chapter.

9 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
10 to determine the scope of, and eligibility for participating in,  
11 the demonstration project.

12 (c) The commission shall operate the demonstration project  
13 under this section in conjunction with the demonstration project  
14 under Section 62.1025, Health and Safety Code, if feasible.

15 (d) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commission shall  
16 submit a report to the legislature regarding the commission's  
17 progress in establishing and operating the demonstration project  
18 and recommendations on continuing or expanding the demonstration  
19 project.

20 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

21 SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Health and  
22 Human Services Commission shall implement the eligibility renewal  
23 and eligibility recertification demonstration projects required by  
24 Section 62.1025, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, and  
25 Section 32.02614, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

26 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
27 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a

1 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
2 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
3 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
4 waiver or authorization is granted.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.