

Amend **HB 1589** on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 531.0997 and 531.09971 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0997. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "Healthy Texas Women program" means a program operated by the commission that is substantially similar to the demonstration project operated under former Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, 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 Healthy Texas Women program, the commission shall identify and automatically enroll in the program a woman who is a Medicaid recipient or enrollee in the child health plan program but who will lose eligibility for benefits under the applicable program because of the woman's age. The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of services between Medicaid or the child health plan program, as applicable, and the Healthy Texas Women program; and

(2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through the Healthy Texas Women program on the first day the woman is no longer eligible for Medicaid or the child health plan program, as applicable.

(c) The commission shall, at the time a woman is automatically enrolled under Subsection (b) in the Healthy Texas Women program:

(1) provide to the woman written notice that:

(A) she has been automatically enrolled in the program but may disenroll; and

(B) instructs the woman on how to disenroll from the program; and

(2) provide to the woman information about the program, including the services provided under the program.

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

Sec. 531.09971. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN MEDICAID. (a) In this section, "Healthy Texas Women program" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.0997.

(b) The commission shall identify and automatically enroll in Medicaid a woman who:

(1) becomes pregnant while receiving services through the Healthy Texas Women program; and

(2) is eligible for Medicaid.

(c) The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of services between the Healthy Texas Women program and Medicaid; and

(2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through Medicaid on the first day the woman is enrolled in the program.

(d) The commission shall, at the time a woman is automatically enrolled under Subsection (b) in Medicaid:

(1) provide to the woman written notice that:

(A) she has been automatically enrolled in the program but may disenroll; and

(B) instructs the woman on how to disenroll from the program; and

(2) provide to the woman information about the program, including the services provided under the program.

(e) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION _____. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a woman who is a recipient of medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, benefits through the child health plan program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, or services through the Healthy Texas Women program, on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of the date on which eligibility for medical assistance, the child health plan program, or the Healthy Texas Women program was determined.