

Amend CSSB 1105 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 533.0055, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) The commission shall consolidate each electronic or Internet portal operated or maintained by the commission, including through a contract with a separate entity, that is used to receive and deliver requests and other information from and to Medicaid providers, including nursing facility providers participating in the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program, into a single Internet portal that serves as the electronic process required by Subsection (b)(6). The commission shall ensure the single Internet portal meets the requirements of a portal described by Sections 531.02411, 533.00251, 533.002553, and 533.0071.

(d) The commission may contract with a private or nonprofit entity to develop, operate, and maintain the single Internet portal described by Subsection (c). The entity may not be affiliated with any specific managed care plan.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, the executive commissioner by rule shall require each Medicaid managed care organization to allow providers in the organization's provider network to use the single Internet portal described by Subsection (c).