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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation of medical assistance for certain individuals.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 32.0256(a), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A recipient described by Section 32.025(a) who experiences a temporary increase in income of a duration of one month or less, or who commits a minor technical or clerical error on a renewal application or other document required for benefits renewal, that would normally result in the recipient being ineligible for medical assistance continues to be eligible for that assistance if the individual:

(1)  either:

(A)  receives services through a program for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability authorized under Section 1915(c), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c)); or

(B)  resides in an ICF-IID facility; and

(2)  continues to meet the functional and diagnostic criteria for the receipt of services under a program described by Subdivision (1)(A) or for residency in an ICF-IID facility.

SECTION 2.  If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.