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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (l-1), (l-2), and (l-3) to read as follows:

(l-1)  The commission shall continue to provide medical assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for pregnant women for a period of not less than 12 months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage.

(l-2)  Notwithstanding Subsection (l-1), the commission shall continue to provide medical assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for pregnant women:

(1)  during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019, for a period of not less than four months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage; and

(2)  during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020, for a period of not less than eight months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage.

(l-3)  Subsection (l-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2021.

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.