

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of services to certain children under the Medicaid medical transportation program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.024141 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.024141. MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN. (a) The commission shall provide:

(1) medical transportation program services to an eligible child described by Subsection (b); and

(2) reimbursement for those services.

(b) A child is eligible to receive medical transportation program services under this section:

(1) if the child is younger than 13 years of age;

(2) if the child's mother is:

(A) a recipient of Medicaid during a pregnancy;

and

(B) using medical transportation program services to travel to and from a covered health care service related to the pregnancy, including postpartum care; and

(3) regardless of whether the child is also a recipient of Medicaid.

(c) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

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

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