

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1114

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) Notwithstanding Section 32.024(e), Human Resources Code, 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'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

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

(c) The mother of a child receiving medical transportation program services under this section must provide:

1           (1) if required by law, a child passenger safety seat  
2 system as defined under Section 545.412, Transportation Code; and

3           (2) any other equipment that the child needs in order  
4 to safely receive medical transportation program services.

5           (d) In addition to state and federal money, the commission  
6 may accept gifts and grants from any source to provide medical  
7 transportation program services to an eligible child under this  
8 section.

9           (e) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement  
10 this section.

11           SECTION 2. In order to implement Section 531.024141,  
12 Government Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after  
13 the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services  
14 Commission shall apply for and actively seek:

15           (1) a waiver or other authorization from the federal  
16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or other appropriate  
17 federal agency; and

18           (2) federal money that may be available for the  
19 purpose of that section.

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