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H.B. No. 1641

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information to certain women enrolled
in the Healthy Texas Women 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 531.0995 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0995. INFORMATION FOR CERTAIN ENROLLEES IN THE
HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "Healthy Texas
Women program" means a program operated by the commission that is
substantially similar to the demonstration project operated under
former Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, and that is intended
to expand access to preventive health and family planning services
for women in this state.

(b) This section applies to a woman who is automatically
enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program following a pregnancy
for which the woman received Medicaid, but who is no longer eligible
to participate in Medicaid.

(c) At the time a woman described by Subsection (b) is
enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program, the commission shall
provide to the woman:

(1) information about the Healthy Texas Women program,
including the services provided under the program; and

(2) a list of health care providers who participate in
the Healthy Texas Women program and are located in the same

1 geographical area in which the woman resides.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
4 Services Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
5 Section 531.0995, Government Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 3. Section 531.0995, Government Code, as added by
7 this Act, applies only to a woman automatically enrolled in the
8 Healthy Texas Women program on or after January 1, 2020.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.