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H.B. No. 2029

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the automatic enrollment of certain women 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 531.09971 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.09971. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

(1) "CHIP perinatal program" means the perinatal program operated under the child health plan program established under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code.

(2) "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) Subject to the eligibility requirements of the Healthy Texas Women program, the commission shall identify and automatically enroll in the program a woman who is enrolled in the CHIP perinatal program but who will lose eligibility for benefits under that program when the woman is no longer pregnant. The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of

1 services between the CHIP perinatal program and the Healthy Texas  
2 Women program; and

3 (2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through  
4 the Healthy Texas Women program on the first day the woman is no  
5 longer eligible for enrollment in the CHIP perinatal program.

6 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
7 to implement this section.

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

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