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H.B. No. 3337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a survey for women enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.09951 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.09951. HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PROGRAM SURVEY. (a) In
8 this section, "Healthy Texas Women program" means a program
9 operated by the commission that is substantially similar to the
10 demonstration project operated under former Section 32.0248, Human
11 Resources Code, and that is intended to expand access to preventive
12 health and family planning services for women in this state.

13 (b) The commission shall develop a survey for women enrolled
14 in the Healthy Texas Women program to solicit information for
15 improving the operation of the program. The survey may solicit
16 information regarding:

17 (1) whether a woman's health care provider under the
18 program is the same provider who treated the woman before she was
19 enrolled in the program, and if not, the method by which the woman
20 found her provider;

21 (2) the length of time between the date the woman's
22 Medicaid or child health plan program coverage ended and the date of
23 her first visit to a health care provider participating in the
24 program;

1 (3) notable barriers to the woman's health care
2 access; and

3 (4) any other information the commission considers
4 necessary or useful in determining program improvements.

5 (c) The commission shall send the survey to health care
6 providers participating in the Healthy Texas Women program. On a
7 woman's first visit to a participating health care provider after
8 enrollment in the program, the provider shall provide the survey to
9 the woman and return the completed survey to the commission.

10 (d) The commission shall compile the information obtained
11 under this section and use the information to improve the operation
12 of the Healthy Texas Women program.

13 (e) Any personally identifying information in a patient's
14 medical records acquired by the commission under this section is
15 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

16 (f) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules to ensure
17 that the use of any health information under this section complies
18 with all state and federal laws relating to the privacy,
19 protection, confidentiality, and transmission of health
20 information, including the Health Insurance Portability and
21 Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-191) and rules adopted
22 under that Act.

23 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2020, the executive
24 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
25 develop the survey and adopt rules required by Section 531.09951,
26 Government Code, as added by this Act.

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