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H.B. No. 3482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of centers of excellence for the early diagnosis and treatment of placental disorders.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PLACENTAL DISORDERS

Sec. 32.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "placental disorder" includes placenta accreta, placenta increta, and placenta percreta.

Sec. 32.102. DESIGNATION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE. (a) The department, in consultation with the maternal mortality and morbidity task force established under Chapter 34, shall designate as centers of excellence for the early diagnosis and treatment of placental disorders one or more health care entities or programs in this state, including institutions of higher education or programs of those institutions.

(b) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the department and the maternal mortality and morbidity task force, shall adopt rules necessary for a health care entity or program in this state to be designated as a center of excellence for early diagnosis and treatment of placental disorders.

Sec. 32.103. SUBCOMMITTEE. (a) The department, in

1 consultation with the maternal mortality and morbidity task force,  
2 shall appoint a subcommittee of the task force to advise the  
3 executive commissioner on the adoption of rules under Section  
4 32.102. As part of the subcommittee's duties under this  
5 subsection, the subcommittee specifically shall advise the  
6 executive commissioner on the criteria necessary for a health care  
7 entity or program in this state to receive a designation under this  
8 subchapter.

9 (b) The subcommittee must consist of individuals with  
10 expertise in the early diagnosis and treatment of placental  
11 disorders. A majority of the members of the subcommittee must  
12 practice in those areas in a health profession in this state. The  
13 subcommittee may include national and international experts.

14 Sec. 32.104. PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CENTER  
15 DESIGNATIONS. The rules adopted under Section 32.102 must  
16 prioritize awarding a designation under this subchapter to a health  
17 care entity or program that:

18 (1) offers early diagnosis and treatment services for  
19 placental disorders through a multi-specialty clinical program  
20 that is affiliated and collaborates extensively with a medical  
21 school in this state and an associated hospital that provides  
22 advanced maternal and neonatal care in accordance with the  
23 hospital's level of care designation received under Section  
24 241.182;

25 (2) demonstrates a significant commitment to research  
26 in and advancing the field of placental disorder care;

27 (3) offers advanced training programs in the early

1 diagnosis and treatment of placental disorders; and

2 (4) integrates an advanced placental disorder care  
3 program with a program that provides appropriate long-term  
4 monitoring and follow-up care for patients.

5 Sec. 32.105. REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATION. The rules  
6 adopted under Section 32.102 must ensure that a health care entity  
7 or program in this state that receives a center of excellence  
8 designation under this subchapter:

9 (1) provides or is affiliated with a hospital that  
10 provides advanced maternal and neonatal care in accordance with the  
11 hospital's level of care designation received under Section  
12 [241.182](#);

13 (2) implements and maintains a multidisciplinary  
14 health care team, including maternal fetal medicine specialists,  
15 pediatric and surgical specialists, neonatologists, nurses with  
16 specialized maternal and neonatal training, and other ancillary and  
17 support staff as appropriate to provide care related to placental  
18 disorders;

19 (3) establishes minimum criteria for medical staff,  
20 nursing staff, and ancillary and support staff;

21 (4) measures short-term and long-term patient  
22 diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes; and

23 (5) provides to the department annual reports  
24 containing aggregate data on short-term and long-term diagnostic  
25 and therapeutic outcomes as requested or required by the department  
26 and makes those reports available to the public on the entity's or  
27 program's Internet website.

1           SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2019, the  
2 Department of State Health Services, in consultation with the  
3 maternal mortality and morbidity task force established under  
4 Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, shall appoint members to the  
5 subcommittee as required by Section 32.103, Health and Safety Code,  
6 as added by this Act.

7           (b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the executive  
8 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
9 adopt rules as required by Section 32.102, Health and Safety Code,  
10 as added by this Act.

11           (c) Not later than September 1, 2021, the Department of  
12 State Health Services shall begin awarding designations of centers  
13 of excellence as required by Subchapter E, Chapter 32, Health and  
14 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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