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S.B. No. 189

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 531.0997 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0997. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN 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) 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 a Medicaid recipient or enrollee in the child health plan program but who will lose eligibility for benefits under the applicable program because of the woman's age. The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of services between Medicaid or the child health plan program, as applicable, and the Healthy Texas Women program; and

(2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through

1 the Healthy Texas Women program on the first day the woman is no  
2 longer eligible for Medicaid or the child health plan program, as  
3 applicable.

4 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
5 to implement this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2020.