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S.B. No. 2132

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) After 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 (d) The commission shall consult with the Maternal
3 Mortality and Morbidity Task Force established under Chapter 34,
4 Health and Safety Code, to improve the process for providing the
5 information required by Subsection (c), including by determining:

6 (1) the best time for providing the information; and

7 (2) the manner by which the information should be
8 provided, including the information about health care providers
9 described by Subsection (c)(2).

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

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

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