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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to develop and seek appropriate authorization under the federal Medicaid program to implement the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals.

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

SECTION 1.  Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 74 to read as follows:

Sec. 74.  (a)  As provided by general law, the state shall develop and seek a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315) to the state Medicaid plan or other appropriate federal authorization to implement the Live Well Texas program to assist individuals for whom federal matching funds are available to the state under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) or other federal law in obtaining health benefit coverage.

(b)  The terms of the waiver or other authorization described by Subsection (a) of this section must be designed in a manner that leverages available federal medical assistance percentage funding under the federal Medicaid program, including funding available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2).

SECTION 2.  The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, requiring the state to develop and seek appropriate authorization under the federal Medicaid program to implement the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals.

(b)  Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes effect January 1, 2023.

(c)  This temporary provision expires January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2022. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the state to develop and seek appropriate authorization under the federal Medicaid program to implement the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals."