A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical
assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.0261, Human Resources Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0261. CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY. The executive
commissioner shall adopt rules in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section
1396a(e)(12), as amended, to provide for a period of continuous
eligibility for a child under 19 years of age who is determined to
be eligible for medical assistance under this chapter. The rules
shall provide that the child remains eligible for medical
assistance, without additional review by the commission and
regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the
earlier of:

(1) the first anniversary of [end of the six-month
period following] the date on which the child's eligibility was
determined; or

(2) the child's 19th birthday.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.