A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain

3 working parents for whom federal matching money is available.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,

6 is amended by adding Section 32.02473 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 32.02473. EXPANDED   ELIGIBILITY   FOR   MEDICAL

8 ASSISTANCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission

9 shall provide medical assistance to all persons:

10   (1) who are the working parent of a dependent child;

11   (2) who apply for the assistance; and

12   (3) for whom federal matching money is available.

13   (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary

14 to implement this section.

15   SECTION 2. Section 32.02473, Human Resources Code, as added

16 by this Act, applies only to an initial determination or

17 recertification of eligibility of a person for medical assistance

18 under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, made on or after the date

19 the section is implemented, regardless of the date the person

20 applied for that assistance.

21   SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of

22 this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human

23 Services Commission shall take all necessary actions to expand

24 eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human

1 Resources Code, in accordance with Section 32.02473, Human
2 Resources Code, as added by this Act, including notifying
3 appropriate federal agencies of that expanded eligibility.

4   SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
5 a state agency determines that any other waiver or authorization
6 from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that
7 provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the
8 waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision
9 until the waiver or authorization is granted.

10   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.