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S.B. No. 1829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the electronic Medicaid recipient directories maintained by Medicaid managed care organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 533.00751 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.00751. RECIPIENT DIRECTORY. (a) The commission shall ensure that a Medicaid managed care organization:

(1) maintains an accurate electronic directory of contact information for each recipient enrolled in the organization's managed care plan, including each recipient's:

(A) home and mobile telephone numbers;

(B) e-mail address; and

(C) home address; and

(2) updates the electronic directory required under Subdivision (1) at least monthly.

(b) At least monthly, a Medicaid managed care organization shall send an electronic copy of the recipient directory described by this section to the commission.

SECTION 2. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission shall, in a contract between the commission and a managed care organization under Chapter 533, Government Code, that is entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act, require that the managed care organization comply with Section 533.00751,

1 Government Code, as added by this Act.

2 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall seek to
3 amend contracts entered into with managed care organizations under
4 Chapter 533, Government Code, before the effective date of this Act
5 to require those managed care organizations to comply with Section
6 533.00751, Government Code, as added by this Act. To the extent of a
7 conflict between that section and a provision of a contract with a
8 managed care organization entered into before the effective date of
9 this Act, the contract provision prevails.

10 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
11 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
12 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
13 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
14 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
15 waiver or authorization is granted.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.