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H.B. No. 3237

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public outreach and education campaign for mixed-status families regarding eligibility for Medicaid and the child health plan 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 531.021483 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.021483. PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR MIXED-STATUS FAMILIES ON MEDICAID AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

(a) In this section, "mixed-status family" means a family in which one or more members is not a citizen or national of the United States and one or more members is a citizen or national of the United States.

(b) The commission shall conduct a public outreach and education campaign designed to educate and inform mixed-status families about eligibility requirements under Medicaid and the child health plan program. The campaign must:

(1) clearly explain the programs' eligibility requirements relating to residency and citizenship status, including the programs' eligibility requirements for citizens, qualified aliens, and lawful permanent residents;

(2) inform individuals that a child's receipt of benefits under a program will not affect the immigration status of the child's parent;

1           (3) be tailored to the population targeted by the  
2 campaign, including by providing information in English and Spanish  
3 or another language spoken by the majority of the targeted  
4 population; and

5           (4) be disseminated through methods designed to reach  
6 the targeted population, including by:

7                   (A) distributing information and providing  
8 presentations at health fairs; and

9                   (B) working with relevant organizations or  
10 groups, including community clinics.

11           (c) To support the campaign conducted under this section,  
12 the commission shall develop informational material about Medicaid  
13 and child health plan program eligibility criteria relating to  
14 residency and citizenship status that is:

15                   (1) up-to-date;

16                   (2) clear and easy to understand; and

17                   (3) made available in English and Spanish or another  
18 language spoken by the majority of a targeted population.

19           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.