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S.B. No. 73

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women following a
3 pregnancy.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024(1-1), Human Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1-1) The commission shall continue to provide medical
8 assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for
9 pregnant women for a period of not less than 12 ~~[six]~~ months that
10 begins on the last day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last
11 day of the month in which the 12-month period ends in accordance
12 with Section 1902(e)(16), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section
13 1396a(e)(16)) ~~[following the date the woman delivers or experiences~~
14 ~~an involuntary miscarriage]~~.

15 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
16 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
17 Services Commission shall seek from the appropriate federal agency
18 an amendment to the state's Medicaid state plan to implement
19 Section 32.024(1-1), Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act.
20 The commission may delay implementing this Act until the state plan
21 amendment is approved.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.