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H.B. No. 2994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a report by the Health and Human Services Commission on
3 Medicaid eligibility determinations.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
6 Health and Human Services Commission.

7 (b) The commission shall prepare a written report on the
8 time frames within which Medicaid eligibility determinations were
9 made based on Medicaid applications submitted to the commission
10 each state fiscal year beginning with the state fiscal year ending
11 August 31, 2018. The report must include:

12 (1) for each state fiscal year covered by the report:

13 (A) the total number of Medicaid applications
14 submitted to the commission;

15 (B) the total number of Medicaid applications the
16 commission approved in accordance with the time frames described by
17 1 T.A.C. Section 358.530(a);

18 (C) the total number of Medicaid applications the
19 commission denied in accordance with the time frames described by 1
20 T.A.C. Section 358.530(a) and the reason for each denial;

21 (D) the total number of Medicaid applications the
22 commission approved in a time frame that exceeded the time frames
23 described by 1 T.A.C. Section 358.530(a);

24 (E) the total number of Medicaid applications the

1 commission denied because the eligibility determination was not
2 made in accordance with the time frames described by 1 T.A.C.
3 Section 358.530(a);

4 (F) the average number of days between the date a
5 Medicaid application was submitted to the commission and the date
6 the application was approved or denied; and

7 (G) the median number of days between the date a
8 Medicaid application was submitted to the commission and the date
9 the application was approved or denied;

10 (2) the total number of Medicaid applications
11 submitted to the commission that are pending on the date the report
12 required by this subsection is prepared and, for each of those
13 applications, the number of days that have elapsed between the date
14 the application was submitted and the date the report is prepared;
15 and

16 (3) the highest number of days that elapsed between
17 the date a Medicaid application was submitted to the commission in
18 any state fiscal year and the date the application was approved or
19 denied.

20 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall
21 prepare and submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of
22 the house of representatives, and legislature the written report
23 the commission prepares under Subsection (b) of this section.

24 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2026.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.