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H.B. No. 3072

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain women.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.02473 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02473. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission shall provide medical assistance to each woman in this state:

(1) who is of reproductive age, including each woman who is at least 19 years of age or older but younger than 50 years of age;

(2) who has a household income that is at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level;

(3) who applies for the assistance; and

(4) for whom federal matching money is available.

(b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Section 32.02473, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility of an individual for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, made on or after the date the section is implemented, regardless of the date the

1 individual applied for that assistance.

2           SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
3 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
4 Services Commission shall take all necessary actions to expand  
5 eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human  
6 Resources Code, in accordance with Section 32.02473, Human  
7 Resources Code, as added by this Act, including notifying  
8 appropriate federal agencies of that expanded eligibility.

9           SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
10 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
11 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
12 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
13 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
14 waiver or authorization is granted.

15           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.