

1-1 By: Sparks S.B. No. 921
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; March 31, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3;
1-6 March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Blanco		X	
1-12	Cook		X	
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hancock	X		
1-15	Hughes	X		
1-16	Miles		X	
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 921 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to conducting an ex parte renewal of a recipient's
1-22 Medicaid eligibility.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 532, Government Code, as
1-25 effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Section 532.0456 to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 532.0456. EX PARTE RENEWALS PROHIBITED. (a) In this
1-28 section:

1-29 (1) "Ex parte renewal" means a redetermination of a
1-30 recipient's Medicaid eligibility that is conducted automatically
1-31 without requiring information from the recipient using information
1-32 from verifiable electronic data sources or that is otherwise
1-33 available to the commission.

1-34 (2) "Public assistance program" means a program to
1-35 provide benefits to persons based on need that is administered by
1-36 the commission and established under Subtitle C, Title 2, Human
1-37 Resources Code, or other law.

1-38 (b) Except as expressly required by federal law, the
1-39 commission or a state agency that administers any part of Medicaid
1-40 may not accept information provided by a recipient in an
1-41 application for benefits under another public assistance program,
1-42 including the supplemental nutrition assistance program
1-43 established under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, as verifiable
1-44 electronic data for purposes of conducting an ex parte renewal of
1-45 the recipient's Medicaid eligibility.

1-46 (c) This section does not prohibit the commission or a state
1-47 agency that administers any part of Medicaid from receiving,
1-48 reviewing, and, if appropriate, conducting a redetermination of a
1-49 recipient's Medicaid eligibility based on information provided in
1-50 an application described by Subsection (b) that indicates a change
1-51 in circumstances that may affect the recipient's Medicaid
1-52 eligibility.

1-53 SECTION 2. Not later than the 180th day after the effective
1-54 date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall
1-55 seek any waiver or authorization from a federal agency necessary to
1-56 implement Section 532.0456, Government Code, as added by this Act.
1-57 The commission may delay implementing that section until the waiver
1-58 or authorization is granted.

1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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