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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2	relating	to	Medicaid	provider	enrollment	and	credentialing
3	processes.						

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 532, Government Code, as 6 effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Sections 532.01511
- 7 and 532.01512 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 532.01511. PROVIDER ENROLLMENT AND CREDENTIALING
- 9 PROCESSES: PROVIDER SUPPORT; COMPLAINTS. (a) The commission shall
- 10 ensure that providers have access to a dedicated support team for
- 11 the Internet portal established under Section 532.0151 that:
- 12 (1) assists current and prospective Medicaid
- 13 providers in completing the Medicaid provider enrollment and
- 14 <u>credentialing processes; and</u>
- 15 (2) reduces the administrative burdens associated
- 16 with those processes.

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- 17 (b) The commission shall:
- (1) annually evaluate the performance of the support
- 19 team described by Subsection (a), including the timeliness of
- 20 assistance the support team provides; and
- 21 (2) not later than September 1 of each year, post on
- 22 the commission's Internet website a report summarizing the results
- 23 of the evaluation conducted under Subdivision (1).
- 24 (c) For purposes of improving the commission's Medicaid

- 1 provider enrollment and credentialing processes, the commission
- 2 shall develop a procedure by which a provider may electronically
- 3 submit complaints and feedback about those processes and the
- 4 support provided by the support team described by Subsection (a).
- 5 Information about the procedure must:
- 6 (1) be prominently posted on the commission's or the
- 7 commission's designee's Internet website in the same location that
- 8 instructions and resources for using the Internet portal
- 9 established under Section 532.0151 are posted; and
- 10 (2) allow a provider to submit a complaint or provide
- 11 <u>feedback through an electronic form from that location.</u>
- 12 Sec. 532.01512. NOTICE OF PROVIDER DISENBOLLMENT. Before
- 13 the commission may disenroll a Medicaid provider during the
- 14 provider's enrollment revalidation period, the commission must:
- 15 (1) not later than 30 days before the date of
- 16 disenrollment provide electronically and by mail to the provider
- 17 written notice of the commission's disenrollment determination;
- 18 and
- 19 (2) allow the provider to address any deficiencies in
- 20 the provider's application for revalidation of enrollment before
- 21 the date the provider will be disenrolled.
- 22 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 532.01511, Government
- 23 Code, as added by this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission
- 24 shall conduct the initial evaluation and post the report
- 25 summarizing the results of the evaluation as required by that
- 26 section not later than September 1, 2026.
- 27 SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of

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- 1 this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall:
- 2 (1) ensure the Internet portal support team required
- 3 by Section 532.01511(a), Government Code, as added by this Act, is
- 4 established; and
- 5 (2) adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in
- 6 law made by this Act.
- 7 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
- 8 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
- 9 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
- 10 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
- 11 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
- 12 waiver or authorization is granted.
- SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.