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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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. 1266 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to Medicaid provider enrollment and credentialing
1-22 processes.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 532, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Sections 532.01511 and 532.01512 to read as
1-26 follows:

1-27 Sec. 532.01511. PROVIDER ENROLLMENT AND CREDENTIALING
1-28 PROCESSES: PROVIDER SUPPORT; COMPLAINTS. (a) The commission shall
1-29 ensure that providers have access to a support team for the Internet
1-30 portal established under Section 532.0151 that:

1-31 (1) assists current and prospective Medicaid
1-32 providers in completing the Medicaid provider enrollment and
1-33 credentialing processes; and

1-34 (2) reduces the administrative burdens associated
1-35 with those processes.

1-36 (b) The commission shall:

1-37 (1) annually evaluate the performance of the support
1-38 team described by Subsection (a), including the timeliness of
1-39 assistance the support team provides; and

1-40 (2) not later than September 1 of each year, post on
1-41 the commission's Internet website a report summarizing the results
1-42 of the evaluation conducted under Subdivision (1).

1-43 (c) For purposes of improving the commission's Medicaid
1-44 provider enrollment and credentialing processes, the commission
1-45 shall develop a procedure by which a provider may electronically
1-46 submit complaints and feedback about those processes and the
1-47 support provided by the support team described by Subsection (a).
1-48 Information about the procedure must:

1-49 (1) be prominently posted on the commission's or the
1-50 commission's designee's Internet website in the same location that
1-51 instructions and resources for using the Internet portal
1-52 established under Section 532.0151 are posted; and

1-53 (2) allow a provider to submit a complaint or provide
1-54 feedback through an electronic form from that location.

1-55 Sec. 532.01512. NOTICE OF PROVIDER DISENROLLMENT. Before
1-56 the commission may disenroll a Medicaid provider for failing to
1-57 complete the enrollment revalidation process, the commission must:

1-58 (1) not later than 30 days before the date of
1-59 disenrollment provide electronically and by mail to the provider
1-60 written notice of the commission's disenrollment determination;

2-1 and
2-2 (2) allow the provider to address any deficiencies in
2-3 the provider's application for revalidation of enrollment before
2-4 the date the provider will be disenrolled.

2-5 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 532.01511, Government
2-6 Code, as added by this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission
2-7 shall conduct the initial evaluation and post the report
2-8 summarizing the results of the evaluation as required by that
2-9 section not later than September 1, 2026.

2-10 SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of
2-11 this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall:

2-12 (1) ensure the Internet portal support team required
2-13 by Section 532.01511(a), Government Code, as added by this Act, is
2-14 established; and

2-15 (2) adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in
2-16 law made by this Act.

2-17 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2-18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2-19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-22 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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