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S.B. No. 809

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the automatic enrollment of certain women in the Texas women's health program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0997 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0997. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN WOMEN IN TEXAS WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "Texas women's health program" means a program operated by the commission that is substantially similar to the demonstration project operated under former Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, and that is intended to expand access to preventive health and family planning services for women in this state.

(b) Subject to the eligibility requirements of the Texas women's health program, the commission shall identify and automatically enroll in the program a woman who is a Medicaid recipient or enrollee in the child health plan program but who will lose eligibility for benefits under the applicable program because of the woman's age. The commission shall implement the automatic enrollment in a manner that:

(1) ensures a seamless transition in the provision of services between Medicaid or the child health plan program, as applicable, and the Texas women's health program; and

(2) allows a woman to begin receiving services through

1 the Texas women's health program on the first day the woman is no
2 longer eligible for Medicaid or the child health plan program, as
3 applicable.

4 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary
5 to implement this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.