

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1158

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the content of an application for Medicaid.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.025, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The application form adopted under this section must include:

(1) for an applicant who is pregnant, a question regarding whether the pregnancy is the woman's first gestational pregnancy; and

(2) a question regarding the applicant's preferences for being contacted, as follows:

"If you are determined eligible for benefits, do you want your managed care organization or health plan provider to contact you by telephone, text message, or e-mail about health care matters, including reminders for appointments and information about immunizations or well check visits? Telephone calls and text messages may be autodialed. Please indicate your preferences below:

(1) By telephone? Yes No

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) By text message (a free autodialed service, but your carrier may charge message and data rates)? Yes No

Cellular telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

1           (3) By e-mail? Yes No

2           E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_".

3           SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the executive  
4 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
5 adopt a revised application form for medical assistance benefits  
6 that conforms to the requirements of Section 32.025(g), Human  
7 Resources Code, as added by this Act.

8           SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
9 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
10 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
11 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
12 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
13 waiver or authorization is granted.

14          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.