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H.B. No. 1629

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid regarding certain persons with HIV.

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

SECTION 1. Section 536.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) The commission, in coordination with the Department of State Health Services, shall develop and implement a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid to annually measure the percentage of child health plan program enrollees or Medicaid recipients with HIV infection, regardless of age, whose most recent viral load test indicates a viral load of less than 200 copies per milliliter of blood.

(g) In this section, "HIV" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.101, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services shall develop and implement the quality-based outcome measure required by Section 536.003(f), Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

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