

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1158

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1158:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1158

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the content of an application for Medicaid.

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

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

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

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

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

13 "If you are determined eligible for benefits, your
14 managed care organization or health plan provider may contact you
15 by telephone, text message, or e-mail about health care matters,
16 including reminders for appointments and information about
17 immunizations or well check visits. All preferred methods of
18 contact listed on this application will be shared with your managed
19 care organization or health plan provider. Please indicate below
20 your preferred methods of contact in order of preference, with the
21 number 1 being the most preferable method:

22 (1) By telephone (if contacted by cellular telephone,
23 the call may be autodialed or prerecorded, and your carrier's usage
24 rates may apply)? Yes No

1 Telephone number: _____
2 Order of preference: 1 2 3 (circle a number)
3 (2) By text message (a free autodialed service, but
4 your carrier may charge message and data rates)? Yes No
5 Cellular telephone number: _____
6 Order of preference: 1 2 3 (circle a number)
7 (3) By e-mail? Yes No
8 E-mail address: _____
9 Order of preference: 1 2 3 (circle a number)".

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

15 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
16 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
17 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
18 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
19 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
20 waiver or authorization is granted.

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