

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 963
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; March 31, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

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. 963 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to allowing Medicaid managed care organizations to engage
1-22 in marketing about the availability of certain private health
1-23 benefit plan coverage.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section [540.0055](#), Government Code, as effective
1-26 April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-27 follows:

1-28 (c) The marketing guidelines the commission establishes
1-29 under this section may not prohibit a Medicaid managed care
1-30 organization from:

1-31 (1) informing an individual, including a current or
1-32 former recipient, about the availability of qualified health plans
1-33 offered through an exchange, as the terms "exchange" and "qualified
1-34 health plan" are defined by 45 C.F.R. Section 155.20; or

1-35 (2) advertising a Medicare Advantage plan or related
1-36 benefit offered under Part C of Title XVIII of the Social Security
1-37 Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395w-21 et seq.) at a community enrollment
1-38 or other event.

1-39 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-40 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
1-41 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
1-42 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
1-43 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
1-44 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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