

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 2132
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 2132 seeks to increase access to and use of the Healthy Texas Women program. In its September 2018 report, the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force recommended increased access to healthcare for the year after a pregnancy and throughout the interconception period by facilitating the continuity of care and working towards effective transitions of care. S.B. 2132 will help increase access to care for women who are enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program after their Medicaid for Pregnant Women coverage expires.

The bill directs the Health and Human Services Commission to alert eligible women of their enrollment into Healthy Texas Women and the services provided through the program, and to provide information on local health care providers that participate in Healthy Texas Women. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 2132 amends current law relating to the provision of information to certain women enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in SECTION 2 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, by adding Section 531.0995, as follows:

Sec. 531.0995. INFORMATION FOR CERTAIN ENROLLEES IN THE HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PROGRAM. (a) Defines "Healthy Texas Women program" (program) for purposes of this section.

(b) Provides that this section applies to a woman who is automatically enrolled in the program following a pregnancy for which the woman received Medicaid, but who is no longer eligible to participate in Medicaid.

(c) Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), after a woman described by Subsection (b) is enrolled in the program, to provide to the woman:

(1) information about the program, including the services provided under the program; and

(2) a list of health care providers who participate in the program and are located in the same geographical area in which the woman resides.

(d) Requires HHSC to consult with the Maternal Morbidity Task Force established under Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, to improve the process for providing the information required by Subsection (c), including by determining:

(1) the best time for providing the information; and

(2) the manner by which the information should be provided, including the information about health care providers described by Subsection (c)(2).

SECTION 2. Requires the executive commissioner of HHSC, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to adopt any rules necessary to implement Section 531.0995, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Provides that Section 531.0995, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a woman automatically enrolled in the program on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.