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H.B. No. 1605

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of a pilot program in Harris County to  
3 provide maternity care management to certain women enrolled in the  
4 Medicaid managed care program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 531.0996 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.0996. PREGNANCY MEDICAL HOME PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

9 The commission shall develop and implement a pilot program in  
10 Harris County to create pregnancy medical homes that provide  
11 coordinated evidence-based maternity care management to women who  
12 reside in the pilot program area and are recipients of medical  
13 assistance through a Medicaid managed care model or arrangement  
14 under Chapter 533.

15 (b) In developing the pilot program, the commission shall  
16 ensure that each pregnancy medical home created for the program  
17 provides a maternity management team that:

18 (1) consists of health care providers, including  
19 obstetricians, gynecologists, family physicians, physician  
20 assistants, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and  
21 social workers, in a single location;

22 (2) conducts a risk-classification assessment for  
23 each pilot program participant on entry into the program to  
24 determine whether her pregnancy is considered high- or low-risk;

1           (3) based on the assessment under Subdivision (2),  
2 establishes an individual pregnancy care plan for each participant;  
3 and

4           (4) follows the participant throughout her pregnancy  
5 in order to reduce poor birth outcomes.

6           (c) The commission may incorporate financial incentives to  
7 health care providers who participate in a maternity management  
8 team as a component of the pilot program.

9           (d) Not later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall  
10 report to the legislature on the progress of the pilot program. The  
11 report must include:

12           (1) an evaluation of the pilot program's success in  
13 reducing poor birth outcomes; and

14           (2) a recommendation as to whether the pilot program  
15 should be continued, expanded, or terminated.

16           (e) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement  
17 this section.

18           (f) This section expires September 1, 2017.

19           SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
20 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
21 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
22 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
23 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
24 waiver or authorization is granted.

25           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.