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GUILLEN PROTECTS MEDICAID RECIPIENTS CARE

H.B. 3292 Protects Individual's Medical Care During a Temporary Pay Increase

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) is proud to announce that H.B. 3292, which he was an author of, has taken effect. The measure makes sure that individuals who are on Medicaid continue to receive care even if they have a brief income boost.

"People's healthcare and other important benefits shouldn't be thrown into disarray by simply receiving a short term pay raise," said Guillen.

The measure, which passed both the house and the senate unanimously, will fix a loophole in the current Human Resources Code that caused recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) and Medicaid to lose those benefits if a recipient experienced a temporary pay increase for one month or less. This temporary bump in pay caused recipients to lose essential health coverage they actually qualified for. Guillen was concerned that people who need continuous care could have that vital care interrupted by a very short term raise.

H.B. 3292 requires the Health and Human Services Commission to recertify individuals who experience a temporary income boost as eligible for Medicaid if they were eligible previously, as long as they continue to meet all other criteria. The individual will continue to receive medical coverage as long as they submit an application to recertify themselves as eligible no later than the 90th day after the date on which they were determined to be ineligible.

"Increasing access to quality and affordable medical care is one of my most important priorities," said Guillen.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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