

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

H.B. 2236  
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Health Services  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) provides health care for individuals who have no insurance and cannot pay for their health care. Changes to Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement have resulted in decreases to UTMB's reimbursement of over \$28 million, which hinders UTMB's ability to care for indigent Texans. H.B. 2236 requires the Health and Human Services Commission to contract with certain managed care organizations and to provide health care services through Medicaid managed care.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2236 requires the Health and Human Services Commission to contract with certain managed care organizations and to provide health care services through Medicaid managed care.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 533.004, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b), to require the Health and Human Services Commission to contract with certain managed care organizations and to provide health care services through Medicaid managed care.

Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.