IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

LINDA FREW, et al.	Ş	
Plaintiffs,	§	
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V.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:93cv65
	§	JUDGE RICHARD A. SCHELL
THOMAS SUEHS, et al.	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO MODIFY CONSENT DECREE: MEDICAID IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Defendants have filed an unopposed motion seeking to modify a provision in the Consent Decree that relates to the Medicaid Identification Cards (Medicaid IDs) provided to class members. Defendants request revision of a sentence in paragraph 17 of the Consent Decree so that it accurately reflects Defendants' proposed change. Defendants believe that the proposed change will simplify and improve the process for providing class members with evidence of Medicaid coverage.

Having reviewed the motion and attached exhibits, the court finds this change promotes the objectives of the Consent Decree by improving administrative efficiency for class members to establish their eligibility for Texas Health Steps services, while adding functionality to the new card. The motion provided detailed descriptions of the new Medicaid ID card as Exhibits, and the parties have reached agreement on the change of the format of the Medicaid ID card and the change to the Consent Decree. Moreover, the court finds that a fairness hearing is not required, and orders the following changes to the Consent Decree:

I. Modification of Section 17

Heretofore, the relevant line of paragraph number 17 of the Consent Decree (pg. 11) had stated:

"Medical Identification Card - Every month, Medicaid recipients receive new Medical Identification cards (Form 3087). Exhibit 1."

The court hereby orders that this paragraph (the second paragraph of section 17 of the Consent Decree) be replaced with the following:

"<u>Medicaid Identification Card</u> - Each Medicaid recipient will receive a Medicaid Identification Card as needed: to obtain a new card, replace a lost card, or update a card with new information."

Defendants' Unopposed Motion to Modify Consent Decree: Medicaid Identification Cards [de #820] is GRANTED.

SIGNED this the 29th day of March, 2011.

RICHARD A. SCHELL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE