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DR. FRED CERISE APPOINTED TO CONGRESSIONAL MEDICAID & CHIP COMMISSION

THOT Chair and Parkland CEO Selected for Prestigious Medicaid & CHIP Payment and
Access Commission (MACPAC)

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Parkland Health and Hospital System's CEO Fred Cerise, M.D., M.P.H is among five appointed by the U.S. Comptroller General to MACPAC. Dr. Cerise represents one of the largest public health systems in the country, with 860 beds, 1 million annual clinic visits, and a patient population that is 50 percent uninsured and 30 percent with Medicaid. His appointment provides an opportunity to broadcast Texas providers' concerns and identify the direct impacts of any changes in federal healthcare funding. Medicaid rates, federal health support, coverage expansion, and the future of the state's 1115 Waiver and related funding have great impact on Texas' essential safety net hospitals.

"I am both humbled and honored by this appointment. Every day I see the challenges faced by low-income populations that enter our facilities looking for health care services that could save their lives. I see the challenges faced by our dedicated members of Congress as they look for the best way to provide that care with the resources available. I am eager to help in any way I can and to effect sound policies to improve the health of our population." Fred Cerise, Parkland CEO on his appointment.

Cerise's tenure as Louisiana's Health Secretary under Republican Governor Bobby Jindal preceded his role as Louisiana State University System Vice President of Health Affairs and Medical Education. In 2014, Cerise was selected to replace Dr. Ron Anderson as Parkland's President and CEO. Cerise is a physician and has a Masters in Public Health from Harvard. Since 2016, Cerise has served as Chair of the statewide nonprofit association, Teaching Hospitals of Texas, an eighteen-member group of essential safety net hospitals.

“At this time in our nation’s conversations on healthcare, MACPAC is a front-line interface for Congress and the country on these critical issues. Dr. Cerise has extensive experience in multiple facets of healthcare relevant to the range of topics and issues core to MACPAC’s work,” said Maureen Milligan, THOT President & CEO.

ABOUT TEACHING HOSPITALS OF TEXAS

Teaching Hospitals of Texas members support access for all in our communities with a special focus on vulnerable populations. THOT hospitals provide essential community health services including trauma and disaster management, training future health care providers, and supporting transformative clinical research.

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