



Stabilize and Strengthen Care Delivery and Innovation

- Maintaining trends in state general revenue funding for Medicaid to ensure the program's stability and ability to provide timely and accessible care for the children, pregnant women, and vulnerable populations who rely on it for coverage.
- Investing Medicaid funding to support parity among different hospital types and ensure support for critical teaching and safety net system priorities and services.
- Continuing support for innovation and technologies that increase the quality of and access to care, including payment for the audio-only provision of non-behavioral healthcare services.
- Supporting 340B program-participating hospitals' ability to provide increased access to care by ensuring pharmacy benefit managers, third-party payers, and drug manufacturers do not limit access to 340B program savings and the enhanced healthcare access made possible by the program.
- Preserving hospitals' Medicaid outpatient payment amounts to increase access to timely and cost-effective care and avoid more resource-intensive emergency and inpatient settings.
- Investing in cost effective and clinically appropriate methods to deliver Medicaid dialysis services in an outpatient setting for certain eligible populations.



Safeguard Texas' Local Healthcare Infrastructure

- Upholding the Special Taxing Unit exemption for hospital districts at the current eight percent rollback rate.
- Preserving hospital districts' current bond and certificate of obligation authority.
- Ensuring hospital districts' ability to educate and inform the Legislature about the challenges and needs of their communities.



Increase Access to Healthcare

- A comprehensive statewide coverage initiative.



Ensure Choice of Local Community Health Plans

- Ensuring Texans with Medicaid or other public coverage have a choice of hospital district-based managed care plans.





Safeguard Trauma Funding and Emergency Preparedness

- Maintaining trauma funding at last biennium's level at a minimum, including the trauma, rural, and safety-net hospital add-ons.



Invest in Texas' Healthcare Workforce

- Funding the grant programs created in SB 25, 88th Legislature, regular session, to support clinical nursing education and training.
- Increasing state general revenue for the state's Health-Related Institutions' Formula Funding.
- Maintaining state general revenue for the state's Graduate Medical Education (GME) Expansion Grants.
- Funding to address shortages of allied health professionals and other critical healthcare staff.



Support Access to Behavioral Health Services

- Continuing investments in the state's mental health workforce.
- Medicaid coverage for intensive outpatient therapy and partial hospitalization.
- Seeking a waiver of the Medicaid Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion to allow for Medicaid funding of inpatient behavioral health care for adults.
- Ongoing initiatives and funding to increase the number of psychiatric beds, including additional community hospital beds and increased reimbursement amounts.
- Increasing funding to support state psychiatric hospitals' operating costs.
- Continuing investments in the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, including school-based and tele-enabled behavioral health care for children and adolescents such as CPAN and TCHAT.

About THOT

Founded in 1986, THOT is the principal voice and advocate for health systems that teach the next generation of health professionals and who are united in their commitment to support policies and funding that will ensure healthcare access to all Texans.



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