

Amend **CSSB 1**, Article II, by inserting the following appropriately numbered RIDER under the FY 2006–2007 bill pattern for the Health and Human Services Commission:

____. Air Ambulance Services. Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study of air ambulance service rates in Texas and their equivalents to comparable Medicare fee schedules as well as rates paid in other states under Medicaid services. The Commission shall provide a copy of this report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office no later than December 31, 2005. Following the submission of this report and with the consent of the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, the Commission shall implement the recommendations of the report and shall amend their Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Transportation to include air ambulance services within the scope of medical transportation.