

The House Committee on Human Services

87th Legislature

May 5, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 27, 2022, the House Committee on Human Services met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Frank, at 10:05 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Frank; Meza; Noble; Rose; and Shaheen.

A quorum was present.

(Representative Klick participating virtually, pursuant to Rule 4, Section 16A.)

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The Chair made opening remarks.

(Representative Hinojosa now present.)

(Representative Hull now present.)

The Committee heard testimony on the following interim charges:

Monitor federal decisions that may impact the delivery and financial stability of the state's health programs, including: the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' rescission of its prior approval of the State's 1115 Waiver, the state and federal negotiations of the Medicaid directed payment programs (including hospital finance methods), federal changes to the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Program and the exclusion of certain costs from the uncompensated care program authorized through the 1115 Waiver.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of the Healthy Families, Healthy Texas initiative, including:

- HB 133, relating to the provision of benefits under Medicaid and the Healthy Texas Women program; and
- Relevant provisions of HB 2658, relating to the administration and operation of the Medicaid managed care program, especially those provisions that relate to continuous eligibility for a child for Medicaid.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Representative Leach was also in attendance.

Monitor implementation of SB 1, Rider 30 (Health and Human Services Commission) and make recommendations for reducing the interest list for waiver services for individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and reducing associated staffing shortages.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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At 1:55 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Frank, Chair

Gregory Cline, Clerk