

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2365

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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San Antonio, TX

I support HB 2365 by Rep. Lopez.

Martin Gutierrez, Mr.

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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For over 91 years, the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC) has been San Antonio's leading advocate for Hispanic businesses and Hispanics in business. We pride ourselves on five pillars of success: small business, economic development, international trade, education, and leadership. On behalf of the Hispanic Chamber's more than 900 members, I write to you today to express our support for HB 2365, which will help Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and other military treatment facilities (MTF) to continue to provide care to civilians. One of our legislative priorities this session is to support key clarifications and modifications from Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and other military treatment facilities (MTF) that provide medical care to civilians.

BAMC is the DOD's only verified Level 1 Trauma Center and approximately 85% of trauma patients treated at BAMC are civilians treated under the United States Army's Secretarial Designee (SECDES) Program. The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting BAMC and keeping the command in the region. Unfortunately, despite success of SECDES, civilian patients are often left with a huge financial burden after discharge due to existing billing and collection processes and authorities. Changes at the federal level are required, but the state legislature can aid in mitigating cost and billing issues by passing HB 2365.

Advocating for BAMC and MTF will continue to be one of our top priorities this legislative session because San Antonio is "Military City USA". The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urges you to support HB 2365.

Allison Greer Francis

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I support HB 2365 that would allow the Brook Army Medical Center to be able to be a Medicaid provider.