

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services
TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Wednesday, May 27, 2026
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Lois Kolkhorst

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will meet Wednesday, May 27th, at 9:30am, to hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges:

Rising Health Care and Insurance Costs: Examine the drivers of rising health care costs in Texas. Consider whether certain providers and models for health care services, including, but not limited to, Pharmacy Benefit Managers and health care facility fees, have resulted in business practices that are contributing to rising health care costs and insurance premiums. Identify ways to lower the cost of health care and increase market flexibility, drawing on additional product offerings like Health Savings Accounts and new flexible plans.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- Senate Bill 25 (89th Legislature), relating to health and nutrition standards to promote healthy living, including requirements for food labeling, primary and secondary education, higher education, and continuing education for certain health care professionals; authorizing a civil penalty;
- Senate Bill 331 (89th Legislature), relating to the disclosure of health care cost information by certain health care facilities; imposing an administrative penalty;
- Senate Bill 1236 (89th Legislature), relating to the relationship between pharmacists or pharmacies and health benefit plan issuers or pharmacy benefit managers; and
- Other legislation related to health care cost.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

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