



## TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

### **HHSC Will Seek Health Home Pilot Proposals in 2010**

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In 2010, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will solicit proposals for Medicaid pilot projects from providers across the state. The pilot projects will focus on comprehensive health home models for children enrolled in Medicaid under the age of 21. HHSC is interested in pilot projects that use new and creative approaches to the following:

- Patient Access
- Quality Improvement
- Patient/family centeredness
- Coordinated Care
- Team-based approach to care
- Population approach to care
- Enhancing collaborative efforts among providers (especially in rural areas)

#### **Pilot Selection Criteria**

HHSC will fund up to 8 pilot projects throughout the state. Pilot projects that serve a minimum of 5,000 children enrolled in Medicaid are preferred. HHSC will award contracts for proposals offering the best value to the state, based on the criteria and components listed above.

The goal of the pilot projects is to:

1. Increase access to care for children enrolled in Medicaid.
2. Increase the number of children receiving recommended primary medical and dental prevention services and any needed specialty and social support services, including behavioral health services.
3. Meet goals #1 and #2 in a cost-effective manner such that the innovations are sustainable over time and conducive to replication across the state.

#### **Deadlines and Timelines**

HHSC plans to post a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the [HHSC Business Opportunities website](#) in early 2010. Pilot projects will begin operating by summer of 2010. The RFP will include detailed definitions and examples of the core components.

#### **Duration of Funding and Eligible Entities**

HHSC will provide strategic initiative funding for up to 24 months after contract award for the following type of entities serving children enrolled in Medicaid:

- Solo and group physician practices.
- Groups of physician practices (i.e., more than one practice collaborating on a proposal).
- Other health-care entities (including, but not limited to, hospitals, health science centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics).

**HHSC prefers that 5,000 children enrolled in Medicaid be served by each pilot project, therefore, HHSC encourages small and mid-sized practices to collaborate with other providers on proposals.**