

CHAT Legislative Agenda

87th Texas Session



The Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) will continue to advance children's health and well-being by advocating for policies and funding that promote children's access to high-quality, comprehensive health care.

► Ensure Medicaid Rates and Supplemental Payments are Appropriate for Children's Hospitals

Maintain Medicaid Rates for Children's Hospitals
Children's hospitals provide life-saving care to the most vulnerable Texans. Any cut to **Medicaid rates** could have an impact on the ability of these facilities to continue to provide care at the current level.

Request: Maintain Medicaid reimbursement rates for children's hospitals to ensure continued access to care.

► Support Children's Hospitals in the COVID-19 Response

Make COVID-19 Care Delivery Flexibilities Permanent
Care delivery flexibilities granted during the COVID-19 pandemic have greatly enhanced children's hospitals' ability to provide care that is critical to our state's children.

Request: Make permanent the current Medicaid, telehealth and telemedicine flexibilities that were granted in response to the pandemic. Telehealth and telemedicine policies should be reimbursed at the same rate as in-person services and account for licensure reciprocity issues.

Provide Proportional Funding for COVID-19 Relief for Children's Hospitals
Children's hospitals were **integral** in surge planning in their communities to help address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Request: Ensure children's hospitals receive proportional COVID-19 funding to other hospitals, including any funds allocated by the Governor or by the Legislature.

► Advance Health Care for Children

Promote Quality Care and Innovation for Children's Hospitals
Children's hospitals have shared with HHSC comprehensive recommendations on how to **advance quality care** in the Texas Medicaid program.

Request: Direct HHSC to implement and integrate the pediatric transformation proposal projects, in coordination with the children's hospitals in Texas, as well as assist in the identification and application of funding sources for these projects.

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