

Children's Hospitals:
Where Healing Begins and Hope Grows

Funding Medicaid for Our Future

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is health coverage for Texans who need it most, primarily children, moms-to-be, grandparents and people with disabilities. It helps provide everything from routine checkups to heart surgeries. Medicaid pays healthcare providers for the services they provide to these vulnerable Texans.



Approximately **40%**
of children in Texas are
enrolled in Medicaid.



Nearly **60%** of the days
of care that children's
hospitals in Texas provide
are covered by Medicaid.

Texas Kids Depend on Medicaid.

Children's hospitals are uniquely equipped to handle the most complex medical conditions and depend heavily on Medicaid payments to continue providing comprehensive services.

56% of the patients transferred to a children's hospital were Medicaid patients.

81% of those transferred patients had major or extremely severe conditions.



✔ Medicaid Recognizes the Complex Care Children's Hospitals Provide.

Texas Medicaid recognizes a limited number of freestanding, independent hospitals that provide complex health services to children as "children's hospitals." The children's hospital reimbursement rate is available to facilities that meet these high standards of care for children and have clinical and operational leadership and staff that are kid focused.

✘ However, Medicaid Does Not Cover the Cost of Care.

Children's hospitals are heavily dependent on Medicaid payments, but Medicaid reimbursement does not fully cover the cost of care at children's hospitals.

**Sufficient, predictable
Medicaid reimbursement is
vital to ensure that children
in Texas do not lose access
to comprehensive,
lifesaving care that often
only freestanding children's
hospitals can provide.**