



TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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Johnny Veselka
Executive Director
Texas Association of School Administrators
406 E. 11th St.
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Veselka:

The Texas Hospital Association supports your 100% Campaign application to the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Outreach and Enrollment Grant to increase enrollment in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, with one in five lacking health insurance coverage. More than half of Texas' 1.5 million uninsured children are eligible for but not enrolled in CHIP and children's Medicaid. THA is committed to addressing this crisis, and our members appreciate the opportunity to work with you to address this problem.

Each year Texas hospitals provide more than \$10 billion in uncompensated care charges, with much of the care attributable to low-income, uninsured children. Texas hospitals understand the importance of receiving preventive care, and THA supports your cause.

The 100% Campaign has demonstrated repeated success in Texas school districts and attained national recognition as a best practice by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), America's Promise Alliance and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Covering Kids & Families Initiative. The model's strength lies in its ability to systematically identify every uninsured child within a district through school enrollment forms and provide targeted outreach in a trusted environment.

Thanks for taking this initiative. Texas hospitals look forward to working with you! Please contact me at 512/465-1012 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Dan Stultz, M.D., FACP, FACHE
President/CEO