

THA-SUPPORTED BILLS THAT WOULD EXPAND HEALTH COVERAGE



TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Provide Consumers More Information About Their Health Insurance Coverage

HB 1932	Thompson	Relating to consumer labeling requirements for certain health benefit plans.
SB 815	Watson	Relating to consumer labeling requirements for certain health benefit plans.
SB 1155	Davis, Wendy	Relating to certain content requirements for an insurance consumer information website.

Improve Small Group Pricing

HB 3120	Alvarado	Relating to the maximum allowable premium rate increase for small employer health benefit plans.
SB 80	Nelson	Relating to employer contributions under small employer health benefit plans.

Improve Small Group Pooling

SB 813	Watson	Relating to the eligibility of certain sole proprietors to participate in small employer health benefit plans.
HB 2586	Smithee	Relating to small and large employer health group cooperatives.
SB 77	Nelson	Relating to participation by single-employee businesses in private purchasing cooperatives or health group cooperatives.
HB 663	King, Susan	Relating to participation by single-employee businesses in private purchasing cooperatives or health group cooperatives.
SB 972	Averitt	Relating to small and large employer health group cooperatives.
SB 762	Watson	Relating to a study concerning the minimum participation requirement for small employer health benefit plans.

Restructure the State's High Risk Pool

HB 532	Anchia	Relating to the preexisting condition exclusion period under the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool.
SB 879	Averitt	Relating to premium discounts for certain participants in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool and to related tax credits for health benefit issuers.
HB 2064	Smithee	Relating to premium discounts for certain participants in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool and to related tax credits for health benefit issuers.
HB 1066	Naishtat	Relating to eligibility to participate in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool by individuals whose employers participate in certain regional or local health care programs.
SB 781	Watson	Relating to eligibility to participate in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool by individuals whose employers participate in certain regional or local health care programs.

Health Insurance Omnibus Reform

SB 1257 Averitt Relating to the regulation of certain market conduct activities of certain life, accident, and health insurers and health benefit plan issuers.

HB 2750 Eiland Relating to the regulation of certain market conduct activities of certain life, accident, and health insurers and health benefit plan issuers.

Tax Incentives

HB 1122 Bolton Relating to the amount of the franchise tax incentive for certain small employers that provide health care benefits to employees.

Improve TDI's Focus on Health Insurance

HB 505 McClendon Relating to the creation of the health benefit plan innovations program in the Texas Department of Insurance.

SB 78 Nelson Relating to promoting awareness and education about the purchase and availability of health coverage.

Allow Greater Health Insurance Access for Dependents

SB 1545 Averitt Relating to health benefit coverage for children and grandchildren.

Improve Access to Health Insurance for College Students

SB 42 Zaffirini Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.

HB 1875 Truitt Relating to requiring a health benefit plan for enrollment at certain public institutions of higher education.

SB 1179 Patrick, Dan Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer health benefit plans to students.