



# North Texas Health Care Compliance Professional's Association

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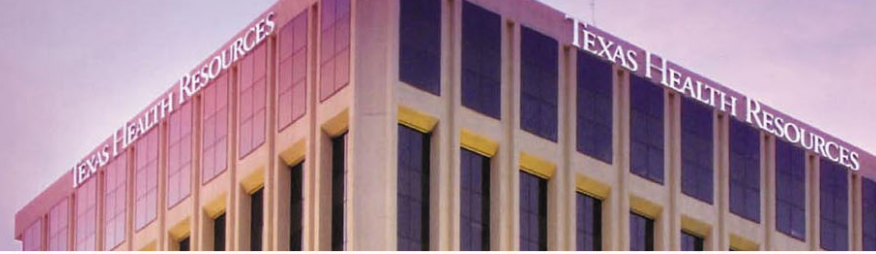


TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES

Harris Methodist Hospitals ★ Arlington Memorial Hospital ★ Presbyterian Healthcare System



To advocate for Texas Health Resources (THR) in the public policy arena to enhance health care delivery and strengthen the capacity of the organization to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve.



- \* Provide a unified voice for THR at the local, state and federal levels
- \* Perform the following functions:
  - \* Identify issues/evaluate potential impact
    - \* Policy Issue Analysis
  - \* THR's public policy agenda
    - \* Formulate Public Policy Priorities
  - \* Involve employees, physicians, trustees, volunteers and community partners
  - \* Collaborate with trade associations, industry groups and other partners



## THR's Federal and State Public Policy Priorities for 2007-2008:

- \* Uninsured and Underinsured
- \* Medicare and Medicaid
- \* Quality and Patient Safety
- \* Health Information Technology (HIT)
- \* Insurance
- \* Accountability and Transparency
- \* Emergency Readiness and Trauma
- \* Physician/Hospital Relations
- \* Workforce
- \* Medical Liability and Tort Reform



## Legislative

- \* Medicare Package
  - \* State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
  - \* Physician payment fix
  - \* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF)
  - \* Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)
  - \* Rural Hospitals
- \* Omnibus bill



## Regulatory

- \* Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - \* Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program
  - \* Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule
  - \* Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Proposed Rule
- \* Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
  - \* Tax-exempt status Tax Form 990
  - \* Schedule H



## 80th Legislative Session Victories

- ★ First Medicaid rate increase since 2001
- ★ Medicaid reform—new programs to cover the uninsured and legislative oversight
- ★ CHIP restorations
- ★ Passage of fair, balanced transparency legislation
- ★ Additional funding for nursing faculty (\$14.7 M)
- ★ Additional funding for Texas Medical Board to process physician licensure applications more quickly (\$1.2 M)



## Medicaid Reform

- \* SB 10 (Nelson)
  - \* Allows establishment of a health opportunity pool to preserve federal dollars for uncompensated care (Medicaid DSH and UPL funds)
  - \* Authorizes Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop “multi-share” or “3-share” models for premium assistance
  - \* Requires HHSC to standardize hospital uncompensated care reporting
  - \* Creates legislative oversight committee
  - \* Authorizes pilot programs to promote healthy lifestyle choices



## Confidentiality of Information

- \* HB 1060 (Parker)
  - \* Use of Electronically Readable Information
- \* HB 460 (Miller)
  - \* Misuse of Another Person's Identifying Information

## Patients' Rights'

- \* HB 3473 (Delisi)
  - \* Consent to Medical Treatment