

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: October 27, 2025

Agenda Item: L.4

Board Goal: Board/Staff/Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Participation with Education Service Center Region 12 for Health Benefits Cooperative Procurement

Administrator Responsible/Position: Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

Action needed                       Information only                       Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

Local Policy                       Law or Rule                       N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the interlocal agreement between Hays CISD and ESC Region 12 for Health Benefits Cooperative procurement.

**D. Summary:**

Previous board action relating to this item – none  
 Future action anticipated – N/A  
 Background information – ESC 12, by this Agreement, agrees to serve as the sponsoring entity of a cooperative purchasing program (the “Program”) in conjunction with the above-named Entity and any other entity legally entitled to enter into the Program, which executes a similar agreement. The purpose of the Program shall be to obtain substantial savings for participating school districts and other governmental entities through executions of economies of scale and through seeking vendors on a regional, state, and nationwide basis.

**E. Scope of Options Reviewed:**

This is a one-time memo to the board of Hays CISD entering into an interlocal agreement with ESC 12.

**F. Comments Received:**

Cabinet       DLT       FBOC       Teacher Org. Reps.       Other: Purchasing Department

**Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends approval of the Interlocal agreement between Hays CISD and Region 12.

**Advantages/benefits of this proposal** – ESC 12 and the Entity are entering into this Agreement to provide a self-funded medical plan via the cooperative that is expected to provide the best value to the District and its employees for medical care. This Agreement is to be approved by the governing boards of the respective Parties at meetings that were posted and held in accordance with state law, including Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Consequences of not approving recommendation** – The district will not be able to make purchases through Region 12 Health Benefits Cooperative

**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: N/A**  
 Budget – General Operating Fund       Bond       Grant/Special Funds       Other  
Prior Year Spending – \$0  
Future/Ongoing – Ongoing – no cost to be a member of Region 12 Health Benefits Cooperative or the UBC Consortium

**H. Monitoring and Reporting Timeline:**  
Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action – Deborah Ottmers, HCISD CFO  
Evaluation method and timeline: n/a  
Next report to the Board: As needed

**I. Suggested Motion:**  
I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the interlocal agreement between Hays CISD and Education Service Center Region 12 for Health Benefits Cooperative Procurement, as presented.