

NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
87th Texas Legislative Session
Proposed Legislation List
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1. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 281, Hospital Districts in Counties of at Least 190,000:
 - a. Amend Subchapter E, District Finance, §281.094(a), Use of Certain Funds by the Nueces County Hospital District, to read as follows: “With the approval of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use funds made available to the district from sources other than a tax levy to fund health care services for residents of the district, including public health services, mental health and ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes.”

2. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 285, Special Provisions Relating to Hospital Districts:
 - a. Amend title of Subchapter F, Liability of Nonprofit Management Contractor, to read as follows: “SUBCHAPTER F. LIABILITY OF ~~NONPROFIT~~ MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR”;
 - b. Amend §285.071, Definition, to read as follows: “In this chapter, “hospital district management contractor” means a ~~nonprofit~~ corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that manages or operates a hospital or provides services under contract with a hospital district that was created by general or special law.”; and
 - c. Amend §285.072, Liability of a Hospital District Management Contractor, to read as follows: “A hospital district management contractor in its management or operation of a hospital or provision of services under a contract with a hospital district is considered a governmental unit for purposes of Chapters 101, 102, and 108, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and any employee of the contractor is, while performing services under the contract for the benefit of the hospital, an employee of the hospital district for the purposes of Chapters 101, 102, and 108, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.”

3. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, Nueces County Hospital District Health Care Provider Participation Program:
 - a. Amend Subchapter A, General Provisions, §298C.004(a), Expiration, to read as follows: “Subject to Section 298C.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, ~~2021~~ 2023.”
 - b. Amend Subchapter A, General Provisions, §298C.004(b) to read as follows: “This chapter expires December 31, ~~2021~~ 2023.”

4. Support legislation that provides additional sources of funding for non-indigent health care expenses, including public health, mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, emergency medical services, and health services provided to persons in jail facilities.

5. Amend Texas Health and Safety Code 281.094, USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS BY THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, to allow use of tax-levied funds for indigent care and to fund health care services, including public health services, mental health and mental retardation services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes. (See next page)

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Sec. 281.094. USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS BY THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. (a) With the approval of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use funds made available to the district from sources other than a tax levy to fund health care services, including public health services, mental health and mental retardation services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes.

(b) The board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use funds made available to the district from any source to fund:

(1) indigent health care; and

(2) intergovernmental transfers from the district to the state for use as the nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program or waiver program payments for eligible health care providers located inside or outside the district's boundaries, including, but not limited to, any payments available through a waiver granted under Section 1115, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315), or other similar payment programs, subject to the limitation prescribed by Subsection (c).

(c) Neither the funds comprising an intergovernmental transfer described by Subsection (b)(2) nor any federal funds obtained from any such transfer may be used by the board of the Nueces County Hospital District or any entity to expand eligibility for medical assistance (Medicaid) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152).

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1133, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1373 (S.B. [1863](#)), Sec. 1,
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