

SUBJECT: Continuing Dallas County Hospital District health care provider program

COMMITTEE: County Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Coleman, Bohac, Anderson, Biedermann, Cole, Dominguez, Huberty, Rosenthal, Stickland

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Matt Davis, Children's Health; David Salsberry, Texas Health Resources; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Drew DeBerry, Adelanto Health Care Ventures; Marisa Finley, Baylor Scott and White Health; Charles Reed, Dallas County Commissioners Court; Priscilla Camacho, Dallas Regional Chamber; Meghan Weller, HCA Healthcare; Jay Barksdale, Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce; Maureen Milligan, Teaching Hospitals of Texas; Joel Ballew, Texas Health Resources; John Hawkins, Texas Hospital Association; Matt Gilbert; Tonn Larry)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Katherine Yoder, Parkland Health and Hospital System)

BACKGROUND: Health and Safety Code ch. 298A authorizes the Dallas County Hospital District to establish a health care provider participation program and administer it until December 31, 2019.

DIGEST: HB 2326 would allow the Dallas County Hospital District to administer its health care provider participation program until December 31, 2025.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 2326 would allow the Dallas County Hospital District continued access to the federal funds that it needs to continue serving the population of Dallas County.

Health care provider programs collect mandatory fees from area hospitals and use them to meet the state matching requirement to qualify for federal Medicaid funds. Without the Dallas County Hospital District, local hospitals would not be able to care for nearly as many patients as they currently do.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No concerns identified.