

Texas Women's Healthcare in Crisis



Women's Preventive Care Saves Lives and Taxpayer Dollars

The Crisis: "Safety Net" in Tatters

Two programs: DSHS Family Planning and Texas Women's Health Program

One goal: Provide low-income women access to preventive health care.

Yet, deep cuts to women's preventive care have shredded the safety net.

- DSHS Family Planning program funding was cut by two-thirds (\$73 million).
- 53 clinics closed; two-thirds of the closed clinics were not related to Planned Parenthood.¹
- 147,000 low-income women lost access.^{2,3}
- 130,000 more women will lose access if the Texas Women's Health Program ends.⁴

The Cost: Taxpayers Foot the Bill

- Reduced access to preventive care means Texas Medicaid costs will be at least \$136 million higher in 2013-15.⁵
- Texas must replace more than \$30 million per year in lost federal funding.⁶

The Solution: Prevention

Preventive care cuts taxpayers' costs, results in healthier women and babies

- More than 1 million adult women need preventive care.⁷
- Programs provide:
 - Screenings (breast and cervical cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, STDs), and
 - Contraception (NOT abortion).
- Women's health services prevent unplanned pregnancy, reduce abortions.
- Lowers costs: Every \$1 spent saves \$3.74 in Medicaid.⁸

What Texas Must Do:

1. Restore DSHS family planning funding to at least 2010-11 levels

A minimum of \$55.6 million per year is needed to restore access for 147,000 women.

2. Fully fund the Texas Women's Health Program

A minimum of \$36 million per year is needed to maintain service for 130,000 women.

3. Ensure ample provider capacity for the Women's Health Program

Ensure that sufficient providers are available in each county and Public Health Region. Monitor enrollment and service levels, with triggers for strong remedial action.



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