



## 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session: TWHC Report Card



Strong Progress



Moderate Progress



No Progress

**Goal:** Increase funding for women’s preventive healthcare, including contraception, to fully meet the growing need among low-income and uninsured Texas women.

**Progress Report:** The final budget included almost \$50 million for the biennium in new funding for the Texas Women’s Health Program, the Expanded Primary Health Care program, and the Family Planning program.



**Goal:** Increase provider capacity for women’s preventive care, including contraception.

**Progress Report:** The budget included Special Provision Sec. 53, which requires the state to increase training in and access to long-acting reversible contraceptives (implants and IUDs).

**Goal:** Improve access to healthcare through coordinating women's health programs in a way that minimizes service disruption and incorporates robust stakeholder involvement.

**Progress Report:** The Sunset Committee recommendation to consolidate the three women’s health programs into one was revised to recommend consolidating them into two. The Sunset bill included an amendment requiring the implementation of a committee of providers and other stakeholders to advise the state in the transition.



**Goal:** Maximize the ability of the women’s healthcare safety net to save Texas taxpayer dollars.

**Progress Report:** Texas did not elect to expand Medicaid per the ACA, nor did it reverse the TWHP “Affiliate Ban Rule,” which stripped the state of the opportunity for a 9:1 federal match in TWHP.