

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Lois Kolkhorst

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The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will meet Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10:00am to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

**Children's Mental Health:** Review care and services currently available to the growing population of Texas children with high acuity mental and behavioral health needs. Make recommendations to improve access to care and services for these children that will support family preservation and prevent them from entering the child welfare system.

**Access to Health Care:** Evaluate current access to primary and mental health care. Examine whether regulatory and licensing flexibilities could improve access to care, particularly in medically underserved areas of Texas. Make recommendations, if any, to improve access to care while maintaining patient safety.

*Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies, with your name on each copy, to the Committee during the hearing.*

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