

**SENATE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 08, 2012  
PLACE: Senate Chamber  
CHAIR: Senator Jane Nelson

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The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will take up the following charges:

Charge #2 - Evaluate the implementation of cost-containment strategies across the Health and Human Services Enterprise to determine if and how each strategy can be expanded upon to achieve additional savings next biennium. The evaluation should include but is not limited to: the expansion of managed care, co-pays in Medicaid, electronic visit verification, and independent assessments for long-term care services. The evaluation should also consider new cost-containment strategies that will increase efficiencies and reduce costs. This evaluation should include but not be limited to: Medicaid, Early Childhood Intervention Services, and immunizations.

Charge #9 (bullet one) - Monitor implementation of initiatives aimed at improving health care quality and efficiency in Texas, including: the transition of Medicaid and the CHIP to quality-based payments, establishment of the Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency, implementation of the Health Care Collaborative certificate, patient-centered medical home for high-cost populations, development and use of potentially preventable event outcome measures, and reduction of health care-associated infections. Include recommendations on how to improve and build upon these initiatives, including improving birth outcomes and reducing infant and maternal mortality.

Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes.  
If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies with your name on each.

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