

4.A. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM REQUEST SCHEDULE
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 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Agency code: 529

Agency name:

Health and Human Services Commission

CODE DESCRIPTION

	Excp 2008	Excp 2009
Item Name: Implement Criminal History Checks of Health Providers		
Item Priority: 17		
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-02-01 Office of Inspector General		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	940,100	940,100
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$940,100	\$940,100
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
555 FEDERAL FUNDS		
93.778.003 XIX 50%		
758 GR MATCH FOR MEDICAID	470,050	470,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$940,100	\$940,100

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Effective December 1, 2005, the Office of Inspector General's Medical Provider Integrity Unit (MPI) began conducting criminal history checks on all Medicaid provider applicants, including those with ownership and principal interests, using the Department of Public Safety (DPS) secured website, at a cost of \$1.00 per applicant. This process would be completed in FY2008.

Future Medicaid applicants, including those with ownership and principal interest, would be subject to a nation-wide criminal history check, at a cost of \$48.95 each, through the DPS vendor Indentix Identification Services. Criminal history checks will only be required at the time of enrollment. After completion of the initial criminal history check, OIG would be notified electronically if the provider had been arrested at a later date in any state in the nation.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS: