

3.A. STRATEGY REQUEST
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Agency code: **529** Agency name: **Health and Human Services Commission**

GOAL: 2 Medicaid
 OBJECTIVE: 2 Other Medicaid Services
 STRATEGY: 4 Medical Transportation

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 3 0
 Service Categories:
 Service: 30 Income: A.1 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2005	Est 2006	Bud 2007	BL 2008	BL 2009
Objects of Expense:						
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,247,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4000	GRANTS	\$30,805,564	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$32,053,244	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
Method of Financing:						
555	FEDERAL FUNDS					
93.778.000	Medical Assistance Program	\$32,053,244	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
CFDA Subtotal, Fund	555	\$32,053,244	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
SUBTOTAL, MOF (FEDERAL FUNDS)		\$32,053,244	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$32,053,244	\$38,983,274	\$44,092,200	\$49,074,372	\$51,958,532

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Federal law mandates the provision non-ambulance transportation to eligible Medicaid recipients to and from the nearest appropriate Medicaid allowable service. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) operates the the Medicaid medical transportation program through contracts with local taxi companies, community action agencies, county Commissioners' Courts, Councils of Government, metropolitan transit authorities and regions, public schools, Area Agencies on Aging, private corporations, individual contractors who are volunteers, and other for profit and non-profit service organizations. HHSC provides the federal Medicaid funds to TXDoT who provides the state match.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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	<p>The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 requires the program to provide travel funds, meals and lodging to Medicaid recipients from birth to age 21 and an attendant, for long-distance, medically-necessary trips. The increase in utilization of the Texas Health Steps (EPSDT) Program and the implementation of simplified Medicaid enrollment has led to an increase in transportation usage.</p> <p>Congress authorized an adjustment to the calculation of Texas' Medicaid matching rate for the impact of Hurricane Katrina evacuees to the State's per capita income. This adjustment, which is unknown at this time, will impact Texas' (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) FMAP for a three-year period beginning in FY 2008. The FMAPs for both FY 2008-09 are estimates as the FMAP for FY 2008 will be determined in Fall 2006 and the FMAP for FY 2009 will be determined in Fall 2007.</p>					