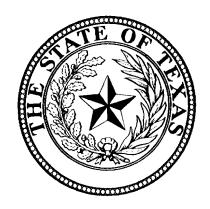
HHSC- Border Rate Workgroups



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Actions Taken by by 77th Legislature

• Senate Bill 1299 and Senate Bill 1053 were enacted that required HHSC to evaluation rates along the border compared to the rest of the state

• The El Paso Service Delivery Area received a large increase in their capitation rates

Actions Take by 77th Legislature (Continued)

• High Volume Medicaid Providers were given an increase in rates

 The reimbursement rate for certain procedures used by physicians was increased

Border Rate Workgroups-Background

- Border Rate Workgroup of 2000
- Senate Bill 1299 Advisory Committee (77th Legislature)- report issued to Legislature August, 2002
- Senate Bill 1053 Advisory Committee (77th Legislature)- report issued to HHSC February, 2003

Advisory Groups Identify Common Elements Along Border

- The Advisory Groups identified common reasons for lower utilization and less access to health services along the border compared to other areas of the state including:
 - Low number of providers
 - Low Incurred Claims
 - Care Across the Border
 - Illness vs. Prevention
 - Transportation

HHSC Actions

Colonias Initiatives

Promotora Projects

 Assessing factors contributing to lower health care utilization along the border