

Gonzalez Applauds New Medicaid Program Funding for Texas

Washington, DC – This week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced that Texas's Medicaid program has been chosen to receive approximately \$3.86 million in federal matching funds to implement the electronic health record (EHR) incentive program, which was established by the stimulus bill.

"I am grateful the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has selected to fund a much needed system to provide health care more efficiently to Texans," said Rep. Gonzalez. "This funding will put Texas, including the patients and great medical facilities in San Antonio, on a path toward a future health care system signified by better health care, reduced medical errors, and increased patient satisfaction."

Texas will receive almost \$4 million from the Recovery Act, which provides a 90 percent federal match for state planning activities that include a study of the current status of health information technology (HIT) activities in the state. As part of that process, Texas will gather information on issues such as existing barriers to its use of EHRs, provider eligibility for EHR incentive payments and the creation of a State Medicaid HIT Plan, which will define the state's vision for its long-term HIT use.

For more information on the Medicaid-related spending in the recovery package, click [here](#)

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