

## Dairen Sarmiento

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**Subject:** RE: RHP 5 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dairen,

My supervisor might also call you, but he is out today and I did not want to keep you waiting.

We can allow a one week extension to submit the IGT. The IGT will need to be submitted into TexNet by COB February 8<sup>th</sup> with a settlement date of February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you,

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I have submitted your request to upper management for guidance. I will let you know when I receive a response.

Thank you,

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Hidalgo County is committed to investing in our local safety-net system by helping fund the Texas 1115 Waiver. It has provided a tremendous benefit to the indigent patient population not only in Hidalgo County, but for our entire region. These Dollars are critical support for access, availability, and funding for the providers that serve our local patients.

This morning, we received notice today (January, 26) that we must fund an IGT by February 1, 2017. We have informed you in the past that unlike communities with hospital districts, counties follow different procedure for funding IGTs. In particular, our Commissioners require that they approve the funding level for the waiver. Approval requires a formal vote by the commissioners. Unfortunately, the timeline HHSC is imposing is not possible because the commissioners do not meet next week. Would it be possible for Hidalgo County to delay its IGT until the following week so that the Commissioners can fulfill their duty and vote for the funding of the Texas Waiver.

Respectfully submitted,

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