

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

That on the 13th day of July 2021, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF Extension of DSRIP Program

WHEREAS, in December 2011, the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a five-year healthcare funding program through the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver (1115 Waiver) and extended it for an additional five-year period in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, that approved program included the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program that used regional partnerships to enhance healthcare options for uninsured Texans and expand access to care for Williamson County residents; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County's most vulnerable residents have benefited immensely from the DSRIP Program through regional partnerships with local hospital systems, Williamson Counties and Cities Health District, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services and safety net providers, drawing down millions of dollars in federal funds since the Program's inception that were used to meet the health care needs of uninsured/under-insured by providing timely access to care; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, CMS approved a ten-year \$100 billion extension to the 1115 Waiver transitioning the DSRIP Program to a new Public Health Provider Charity Care Pool and Directed Payment Program for Behavioral Health Services; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2021, CMS rescinded the 1115 Waiver leaving the current waiver in effect until its expiration on September 30, 2022, while expiring the DSRIP Program on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if the DSRIP Program is not extended to September 30, 2022 or the DSRIP transition programs included within the now-rescinded 1115 Waiver are not approved, Williamson County will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in health care and mental health support funding;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services and CMS are encouraged to expeditiously approve an extension of the DSRIP Program through at least September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission is encouraged to quickly negotiate with CMS to extend the DSRIP Program to at least September 30, 2022 or seek an alternative structure that will allow the programs currently authorized by the DSRIP Program in Williamson County to continue unabated; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the State of Texas and the Biden Administration work collaboratively for a speedy resolution to the DSRIP Program expiration, to allow Williamson County to continue to expand access to care for vulnerable residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamson County Commissioners Court supports an extension of the DSRIP program and encourages other Texas County Commissioners Courts, the Texas Association of Counties, the Conference of Urban Counties, and the County Judges, Sheriffs and Commissioners Associations to adopt resolutions and statements of support requesting an extension of this valuable program through at least September 30, 2022.

RESOLVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2021.

Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. – County Judge