

# A BRIGHTER TEXAS FOR EVERYBODY

AGENDA FOR THE 88TH LEGISLATURE



## PRIORITY 1: FULLY FUND THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

The Family Planning Program serves 110,000 – 120,000 Texans each year.

This popular program is one of the best ways for people to get same day health services. The only problem is that **FPP often runs out of money part way through the year due to high demand.** It is more important than ever that the state fully invest in the health of Texas women and families. The Legislature should increase funding for FPP to meet the current and growing need for family planning services in Texas.

### FPP IS UNDER FUNDED

FPP has been underfunded for years. As a result, **clients face waiting lists of up to two months for highly effective Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive methods like IUDs and hormonal implants.** Most providers run out of FPP funds part way through the fiscal year.

Even after funding is exhausted, **providers continue to serve clients – often floating hundreds of thousands of dollars of unpaid claims for months, waiting for reimbursement from HHSC** and jeopardizing the financial stability of their clinics.

### THE SOLUTION

To meet the high demand in the program, the **Legislature must appropriate at least \$153.6 million in all funds for the Family Planning Program.**

This will allow Texas safety net providers to both serve clients who need services immediately and expand service delivery through the program.



### HOW FPP HELPS TEXANS

#### FOR MEN & WOMEN

FPP serves both **women & men** under the age of 64 and make less than 250% FPL,\* unlike other state programs that are only available for women or people who can get pregnant.

\*250% FPL is \$69,375 per year for a family of 4 in 2022.

#### CORE SERVICES

FPP provides live-saving preventive services:

- prenatal care
- testing and treatment for STIs
- contraceptive care
- basic health screenings

#### ACCESS SAME DAY SERVICES

FPP has fewer administrative barriers than other state programs. This means clients can often get same-day services under FPP.