

THBI Bill Report
Friday, February 5, 2021
New Legislation and Summaries

Below is the list of bills added to this week's THBI Bill Report along with their summary:

SB 521, Blanco

Summary: Medicaid eligibility expanded to persons who are lawfully present in the U.S.
Companion to HB 734 by Jessica Gonzalez, which we are also tracking.
General Medicaid Track

SB 523, Buckingham

Summary: requires plans and PBMs to apply discounts, voucher, etc. towards enrollee's out-of-pocket max. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. Drugs.
Insurance Track

HB 1556, Murphy

Summary: Texas Economic Development Act. Amends Ch 313 of Tax Code.
Budget/Tax Policy Track

HB 1584, Lucio III

Summary: Authority of providers right to re-dispense, compounding prescription drugs and devices.
Pharmaceutical Track

HB 1586, Lucio III

Summary: Specialty prescription drug coverage. Specialty drug defined. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs.
Rare Disease/Orphan Drug Track

Please note, the "Comment" line, the last line of each bill's overview, will continue to house each bill's short summary.

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Budget and Tax Policy

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 1556 **Author:** Murphy
Last Action 02/03/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Texas Economic Development Act. Amends Ch 313 of Tax Code

87(R) SB 1 **Author:** Nelson
Last Action 03/02/2021 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: General Appropriations Bill.
House Committee:
Senate Committee: Finance (In)
Comment: General Appropriations Bill - appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium



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COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 797 **Author:** Howard
Last Action 12/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to allowing home and hospice agencies to administer certain vaccines.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Home hospice agencies to administer vaccines

87(R) HB 906 **Author:** Krause
Last Action 12/23/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a prohibition on orders issued during a declared state of disaster that distinguish between essential and nonessential services.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Prohibition on orders issued - essential and nonessential services

87(R) SB 115 **Author:** Lucio
Last Action 11/09/2020 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to public health laboratory testing capabilities in certain counties.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Health laboratory testing capabilities

87(R) SB 264 **Author:** Menéndez
Last Action 12/21/2020 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND); authorizing the issuance of bonds.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Establishment of TRANSCEND

87(R) SB 437 **Author:** Blanco
Last Action 01/26/2021 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Creates a state reserve for PPE and defines essential personnel

87(R) SJR 17**Author:** Menéndez**Last Action**

12/21/2020 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND) and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund collaborative research on and development of infectious disease treatments and cures for humans.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Establishment of TRANSCEND



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Highlighted bills are
Medicaid expansion bills.

General Medicaid

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 105 **Author:** Ortega
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in Medicaid managed care.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Use promotoras community health workers

87(R) HB 131 **Author:** Bernal
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the creation of a Medicaid buy-in program for certain low-income individuals through the expansion of Medicaid under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Medicaid buy-in program low-income; expansion eligibility Medicaid

87(R) HB 143 **Author:** Bernal
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Expansion eligibility Medicaid

87(R) HB 171 **Author:** Bernal
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) HB 389 **Author:** Israel
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) HB 398**Author:** Bucy**Last Action**

11/09/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) HB 484**Author:** Shaheen**Last Action**

11/10/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to a direct primary care model pilot program for Medicaid.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Direct primary care model pilot program

87(R) HB 509**Author:** Beckley**Last Action**

11/10/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are available.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Expansion eligibility Medicaid

87(R) HB 510**Author:** Beckley**Last Action**

11/10/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Medicaid buy-in program Medicaid recipients

87(R) HB 511**Author:** Beckley**Last Action**

11/10/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment with a small business.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Medicaid buy-in program Medicaid recipients

87(R) HB 512**Author:** Beckley**Last Action**

11/10/2020 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for employees of small businesses.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Medicaid buy-in program small business

87(R) HB 513**Author:** Beckley**Last Action** 11/10/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Expansion eligibility Medicaid counties**87(R) HB 734****Author:** González, Jessica**Last Action** 12/03/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain persons who are lawfully present in the United States.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Medicaid eligibility persons**87(R) HB 922****Author:** Reynolds**Last Action** 12/31/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to a "Texas Way" to reforming and addressing issues related to the Medicaid program, including the creation of an alternative program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage to certain low-income individuals through the private marketplace.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Medicaid and Medicaid alternatives**87(R) HJR 9****Author:** Reynolds**Last Action** 11/09/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Affordable care act**87(R) HJR 23****Author:** Israel**Last Action** 11/09/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Proposing constitutional amendment expand**87(R) HJR 24****Author:** Bucy**Last Action** 11/09/2020 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Proposing constitutional amendment expand

87(R) SB 38**Author:** Zaffirini**Last Action** 11/09/2020 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons**87(R) SB 118****Author:** Johnson**Last Action** 11/09/2020 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons**87(R) SB 119****Author:** Johnson**Last Action** 11/09/2020 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons**87(R) SB 171****Author:** Blanco**Last Action** 11/10/2020 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to a report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates and access to care.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates**87(R) SB 217****Author:** West**Last Action** 11/24/2020 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Expanding eligibility medical assistance**87(R) SB 521****Author:** Blanco**Last Action** 01/29/2021 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain persons who are lawfully present in the United States.**House Committee:****Senate Committee:****Comment:** Medicaid eligibility expanded to persons who are lawfully present in the U.S.

87(R) SJR 11**Author:** Zaffirini**Last Action**

11/09/2020 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) SJR 14**Author:** Johnson**Last Action**

11/09/2020 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Proposing constitutional amendment expand

87(R) SJR 15**Author:** Alvarado**Last Action**

11/09/2020 S Filed

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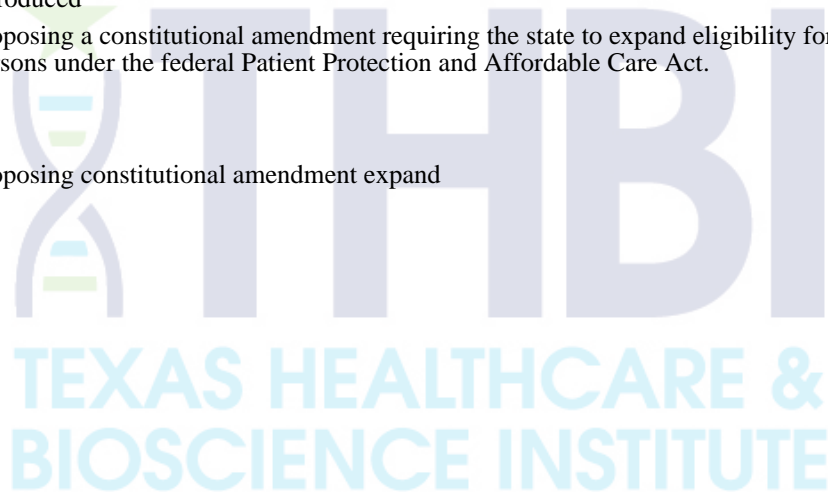
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Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Proposing constitutional amendment expand



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Healthcare, Telehealth and Telemed

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 280 **Author:** Cortez
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to an action plan to expand telemedicine medical services and telehealth services and increase access to critical medical care and health care services in this state.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Action plan to expand telemedicine medical

87(R) HB 471 **Author:** Shaheen
Last Action 11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the issuance of a physician's license to an applicant licensed as a physician in another state.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Issuance physician's license to applicant

87(R) HB 472 **Author:** White
Last Action 11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to services provided by freestanding emergency medical care facilities.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Services provided by freestanding emergency

87(R) HB 501 **Author:** Wu
Last Action 11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to liability limits in a health care liability claim.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Liability limits health care liability claim

87(R) HB 515 **Author:** Oliverson
Last Action 11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers

87(R) HB 522	Author: Johnson, Julie
Last Action	11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers
87(R) HB 571	Author: Gates
Last Action	11/13/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the establishment of a bundled-pricing program to reduce certain health care costs in the state employees group benefits program.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	est of a bundled-pricing program to reduce certain health care costs in the state employees group benefits prog.
87(R) HB 602	Author: Hinojosa
Last Action	11/18/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the provision of comprehensive health care benefits coverage through a publicly funded program to be known as the Healthy Texas Program; authorizing a fee.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Provision comprehensive health care benefits
87(R) HB 974	Author: Price
Last Action	01/05/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Telemed expansion - top priority for Texas e-Health Alliance
87(R) SB 228	Author: Blanco
Last Action	12/03/2020 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers
87(R) SB 412	Author: Buckingham
Last Action	01/25/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Telemed expansion - top priority for e-Health. Companion to HB 974

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Higher Education

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 324	Author: Howard
Last Action	11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Computational Health Research Institute.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Establishment the Computational Health Research Institute
87(R) HB 449	Author: Turner, Chris
Last Action	11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at certain public institutions of higher education.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	the issuance of tuition revenue bonds
87(R) SB 371	Author: Powell
Last Action	01/15/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to matching private grants given to enhance additional research activities at public institutions of higher education.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Matching private grants in university research re: vaccines and pharmaceuticals

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Immunizations

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 325 **Author:** Howard
Last Action 11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Immunization data - request to be excluded from

87(R) SB 468 **Author:** Zaffirini | et al.
Last Action 01/26/2021 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Immunization data - request to be excluded from



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Incentive Programs/EcoDevo

Legislature: 87th Legislature**87(R) SB 74****Author:** Miles**Last Action**

11/09/2020 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the contract terms of certain grants awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Contract terms grants awarded by CPRIT

87(R) SB 150**Author:** Powell**Last Action**

11/09/2020 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Procedure adoption by agency rules; notification



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Insurance

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 40	Author: Talarico
Last Action	11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a cap on the monthly price of insulin and insulin supplies.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Cap on monthly price insulin supplies
87(R) HB 82	Author: Lucio III
Last Action	11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to pricing of and health benefit plan cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Pricing health benefit plan cost-sharing
87(R) HB 410	Author: Johnson, Julie
Last Action	11/09/2020 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to preauthorization of certain benefits by certain health benefit plan issuers.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Preauthorization benefits
87(R) SB 76	Author: Miles
Last Action	11/09/2020 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed
87(R) SB 166	Author: Blanco
Last Action	11/10/2020 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed

87(R) SB 523**Author:** Buckingham**Last Action**

01/29/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the effect of certain reductions in a health benefit plan enrollee's out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs on enrollee cost-sharing requirements.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

requires plans and PBMs to apply discounts towards OOP max. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs



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Pharmaceutical

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 456 **Author:** Shaheen
Last Action 11/10/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by physicians.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Dispensing drugs by physicians

87(R) HB 907 **Author:** Johnson, Julie
Last Action 12/23/2020 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prior authorization for prescription drug benefits related to the treatment of chronic and autoimmune diseases.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Prior authorization prescription drug

87(R) HB 1033 **Author:** Oliverson
Last Action 01/08/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prescription drug price disclosure; authorizing a fee; providing an administrative penalty.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: drug price disclosure - est. an industry fee. HHSC bill request.

87(R) HB 1093 **Author:** Lucio III
Last Action 01/13/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan issuers in relation to prescription drug coverage.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. Amends Insurance code that addresses prescription drug coverage.

87(R) HB 1584 **Author:** Lucio III
Last Action 02/04/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the authority of an providers right to redispense.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Authority of providers right to re-dispense, compounding prescription drugs and devices

Confidential**THBI Legislative Tracking****Packet Page 17 of 18****87(R) SB 299****Author:** Hinojosa**Last Action**

01/11/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

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Caption:

Relating to the determination of prescription drug reimbursement amounts under the Medicaid vendor drug program.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Determination prescription drug reimbursement



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RareDiseases and Orphan Drugs

Legislature: 87th Legislature**87(R) HB 1586****Author:** Lucio III**Last Action**

02/04/2021 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to specialty prescription drug coverage.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Specialty prescription drug coverage. Specialty drug defined. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs.

