



April 25, 2025

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor
State Capitol Building, Room 2S.1
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

On August 8, 2024, you issued Executive Order 46 directing the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to compile reports from hospitals on the costs of those not lawfully present in the United States, including the number of visits and costs. Hospitals were required to start collecting data on November 1, 2024, and required to submit their first month of data to the agency on March 1, 2025.

Individuals not lawfully present in the U.S. visited Texas hospitals more than 31,000 times during November 2024 with healthcare costs totaling more than \$121 million.

Type of Visit	# of Visits	Cost
Emergency Department, Medicaid & CHIP	2,526	\$ 3,070,059
Emergency Department, Non-Medicaid/Non-CHIP	22,190	\$ 33,830,516
Inpatient Discharges, Medicaid/CHIP	2,214	\$ 22,107,204
Inpatient Discharges, Non-Medicaid/Non-CHIP	4,082	\$ 62,771,800
Total Hospital Visits and Costs of Persons Not Legally Present	31,012	\$121,779,579

The next submission will cover a full quarter, December 2024 through February 2025, and will be submitted to the agency on June 1, 2025. HHSC will release the first annual report of data collected from hospital providers by January 1, 2026.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Jonathan Connors, Director of Government and Stakeholder Relations, serves as the lead staff on this matter, and he can be reached by telephone at (512) 487-3300 or by email at jonathan.connors@hhs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecile Erwin Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Cecile Erwin Young