

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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- b. **Strategic Initiatives:** Funds appropriated above to HHSC in Goal B, Medicaid, include \$75,000,000 in General Revenue and \$183,000,000 in All Funds per year allocated for expenditures related to Frew Strategic Initiatives. Expenditure of such funds are made contingent upon the following:
- (1) HHSC shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on September 1 of each fiscal year with historical expenditures (since inception) and budgeted expenditures for the next two fiscal years related to Frew Strategic Initiatives. Updates to the plan shall be provided 30 days in advance of the changes.
 - (2) HHSC shall not use the funding for Strategic Initiatives to provide any rate increases for services to Medicaid recipients twenty-one years of age or older.
 - (3) The budgeted expenditures reflected in the plan detailed in (1) above shall be limited to initiatives to improve access to services for Medicaid recipients under the age of twenty-one years.
- 55. Frew Strategic Initiative Spending Plan.** By November 30, 2009, the Health and Human Services Commission shall develop a plan to spend at least 85 percent of the Strategic Initiative funding within the 2010-11 biennium. The plan should specify the projects, each project's purpose, the target population, the amount of funds allocated to each project, the parties responsible for implementation, and implementation timelines. The plan shall be submitted to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- 56. Umbilical Cord Blood Bank Funding.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Enterprise Oversight and Policy, the Health and Human Services Commission shall use \$5,000,000 in General Revenue for the biennium for research and an unrelated donor umbilical cord blood bank, as follows:
- a. The Health and Human Services Commission shall enter into a contract with a public cord blood bank in Texas for \$4,000,000 for the gathering and retention of umbilical cord blood from live births at its unrelated cord blood bank for the primary purpose of making the umbilical cord blood available for transplant purposes. The blood bank must be accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks and the International Organization of Standardization. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2010, are appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2010, for the same purposes.
 - b. The Health and Human Services Commission shall enter into a contract with a Texas academic health institution for \$1,000,000 for the primary purpose of research leading to new cures derived by the usage of stem cells from umbilical cord blood. Such funds shall be used only for research from stem cells obtained from umbilical cord blood from a live birth. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2010, are appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2010, for the same purposes.
- 57. Payment for Hospital Medical Errors.** Contingent on passage of House Bill 3233, or similar legislation that would prevent payment for hospital medical errors in the Medicaid program, by the Eighty-first Legislature, Regular Session, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit a progress report by November 1, 2010, on the implementation of new rules to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.
- 58. Medicaid Substance Abuse Treatment.** Contingent on passage of House Bill 1708, or similar legislation relating to substance abuse treatment for adult Medicaid clients, the Health and Human Services Commission shall use funds appropriated above in Goal B, Medicaid, to provide coverage for comprehensive substance abuse treatment services for adult Medicaid clients.
- 59. CHIP Expansion.** To the extent permitted by state law, the Health and Human Services Commission, out of funds appropriated above in Goal C, CHIP Services, including unexpended balances, shall expand coverage to eligible persons, as defined in new legislation, up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level during the 2010-11 biennium.
- 60. Office of Eligibility Services Staffing.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment, the Executive Commissioner shall ensure that the agency will fill and maintain staffing at a level no less than the fiscal year 2009 budgeted FTE level of