## **Legislative Update for 2010-2011**

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## **Committee Meetings**

Date	Location	Content
November 23, 2010	Capital Extension Bldg	The committee will meet jointly with the Senate Health and Human Services
9:00 a.m.	Room E1.030, Austin	Committee to take up the following interim charge: #1 Upon passage of federal legislation relating to reform of the health care industry and heal insurance industry, study the implications of such legislation on Texas, the health care industry and public and private insurance. Study and monitor the implementation of the insurance regulatory changes, changes to high risk pool and any other insurance mandates. Study the health care policy changes and the impact to Medicaid and CHIP programs and the state budget. Assess the impact to all state uninsured and uncompensated care programs and county programs for the uninsured, including county property tax programs to pay for the uninsured. Make recommendations for the efficient implementation of programs.

Bill Number	Date Filed	Brief Description	Effective Date	Applicable to	Comments
				Chapter 172	
TX82RHB	11.08.10	Relating to the prohibition of required health	September 1,		Revenue
32/Creighton		insurance coverage. No resident, regardless of	2011		Impact
		whether he has or is eligible for health insurance			
		coverage under any policy or program provided			
		by or through his employer, or a plan sponsored			
		by the state or the federal government, shall be			
		required to obtain or maintain a policy of			
		individual insurance coverage except as required			
		by a court or a governmental agency or			
		department where any individual is named a			
		party in a judicial or administrative proceeding.			
		No provision of this title shall render a resident			
		of this state liable for any penalty, assessment,			
		fee, or fine as a result of his failure to procure or			
		obtain health insurance coverage			
TX82RHB 210/Alonzo	11.08.10	Relating to the coverage by certain health	September 1,	N/A	Mandated
		benefit plans of mammograms performed by	2011		Benefit
		certain health care providers. Applies to health			
		benefit plans for individual or group policies. A			
		health benefit plan that provides coverage to a			
		female who is 35 years of age or older must			
		include coverage for an annual screening by low-			
		dose mammography for the presence of occult			
		breast cancer.			

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HB 28/Guillen	11.08.10	Relating to reimbursement for health care	September 1,	N/A	
		services provided at certain times to persons	2011		
		enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program.			
		Commission shall ensure that a federally			
		qualified health center, physician office, rural			
		health clinic, or municipal health department's			
		public clinic is reimbursed for health care			
		services provided to a recipient outside of			
		regular business hours including weekend or			
		holiday at a rate that is equal to the allowable			
		ate for services during normal business hours.			
HB 70/Martinez	11.08.10	Relating to telemedicine medical services,	September 1,	N/A	
115 7 0/ 11101 111102	11.00.10	telehealth services, and home telemonitoring	2011	14,71	
		services provided to certain Medicaid recipients	2011		
HB 97/Paxton	11.08.10	Relating to creation of the Health Freedom Act.	Immediately after	N/A	
TID 37/Faxton	11.08.10	The power to require an individual to ensure	a vote	IN/A	
		that the individual, and any dependent of the	a vote		
		individual is covered by health insurance			
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		coverage, or to impose a penalty or sanction for			
		the failure to ensure that coverage, is not found			
		in the Constitution of the US of America and is a			
		power reserved to the people under the ninth			
		amendment and to the several states under the			
		tenth amendment			
HB 118/McClendon	11.08.10	Relating to requiring the provision of notice by	September 1,	N/A	
		certain hospitals regarding patients' medical	2011		
		records and the disposal of medical records			
HB 124/Legler	11.08.10	Relating to payment for health care services and	September 1,	N/A	
		participation in a health care system.	2011		
HB 194/Walle	11.08.10	Relating to prohibiting the use of credit scoring	September 1,	N/A	
		in certain lines of personal insurance. Concern	2011		
		with underwriting guidelines that are based			
		wholly or partly on the credit information, credit			
		report or credit score of a covered individual			
HB 203/Hughes	11.08.10	Relating to payment for health care services and	September 1,	N/A	
		participation in health care system.	2011		
HB 208/Alonzo	11.08.10	Relating to prohibition of certain insurance	September 1,	N/A	
,		discrimination for gender identify or sexual	2011	•	
		orientation			
HB 210/Alonzo	11.08.10	Relating to the coverage by certain health	September 1,	N/A	
= ===,	11.00.110	benefit plans of mammograms performed by	2011	,	
		certain health care providers female who is 35			
		years of age or older must include coverage for			
		an annual screening			
HB 286/Lucio III	11.15.10	Relating to the care of elementary and	September 1,	N/A	
TID 280/ Lucio III	11.15.10	secondary school students with food or other	2011	IN/A	
		life-threatening allergies.	2011		
		ine-un caterning anergies.			
HJR 24/Paxton	11.08.10	A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional	Admitted to	N/A	
		amendment relating to the rights of individuals	voters on		
		to choose or decline to choose to purchase	November 8, 2011		
		health insurance coverage			
HJR27/Legler	11.08.10	A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional	Admitted to	N/A	

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		amendment authorizing certain payment for	voters on		
		health care services and prohibiting requiring	November 8, 2011		
		participation in a health care system			
HJR 30/Laubenberg	11.08.10	A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional	Admitted to	N/A	
		amendment authorizing certain payment for	voters on		
		health care services and prohibiting requiring	November 8, 2011		
		participation in a health care system			
SB 120/Uresti	11.08.10	Relating to requiring dental support for a child	September 1,	N/A	
		subject to a child support order. Dental support	2011		
		means periodic payments or a lump-sum			
		payment made under an order to cover dental			
		expenses, including dental insurance coverage,			
		incurred for the benefit of a child.			
SB 155/Huffman	11.08.10	Relating to the eligibility of certain school district	September 1,	N/A	
		employees to participate or be enrolled in	2011		
		certain group health benefit programs. If			
		resignation is effective after the last day of an			
		instruction year is entitled to participate or be			
		enrolled in the uniform group coverage plan or			
		the group health coverage through the earlier of			
		the first anniversary of the date participation in			
		or coverage under the uniform group coverage			
		plan or the group health coverage was first made			
		available to district employees for the last			
		instructional year in which the employee was			
		employed by the district or the last calendar day			
		before the first day of the instructional year			
		immediately following the last instructional year			
		in which the employee was employed by the			
		district			
SB 190/Nelson	11.09.10	Relating to the licensing and regulation of	September 1,	N/A	
		physicians, physician assistants, acupuncturists,	2011		
		and surgical assistants.			
		Amends the Occupations Code to provide that			
		the medical board may not charge a fee to			
		reinstate a license after cancellation for cause.			
		For complaints to the medical board against			
		physicians, the bill adds a seven-year statute of			
		limitation (excepting cases involving a minor).			
		The bill provides that a complaint filed with the			
		medical board by an insurance agent, insurer,			
		pharmaceutical company, or third-party			
		administrator must include the complaint's			
		name and address. The information is to be			
		given to the physician in question within 15 days.			
		The board is given 45 days, rather than 30 to			
		complete a preliminary investigation of a			
		complaint. Expands restrictions on issuing			
		physician licenses to provide that physicians			
		from countries other than the US or Canada			
		whose license was suspended or revoked cannot			
		receive a physician's license in Texas. Allows			
		physicians under disciplinary review by the			
		medical board to request a recording of an			

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		informal settlement conference proceeding.  Physician Assistants: Amends the Occupations code to provide that the physician's assistant board may conduct license application review as well as disciplinary proceedings during its executive sessions. Removes a provision that allows the physician's assistant board when reviewing an application for a physician's assistant license, to issue a license even though an applicant has had their license revoked, suspended, or otherwise subject to disciplinary action in this or another state. Provides that the physician assistant board may issue temporary licenses, as well as postgraduate training permits to an assistant participating in a graduate education program approved by the board. Provides that if a person's license is expired for a year, the license is automatically canceled and cannot be renewed. Also provides that a person whose license was canceled and cannot be renewed. Also provides that a person whose license was canceled for this reason can apply for a new license. Acupuncturists amends the occupations Code to provide that the acupuncture board may conduct license application review as well as disciplinary proceedings during its executive sessions. The board is allowed to issue temporary and training licenses. Surgical Assistants amends the Occupations Code to provide that the medical board may conduct license application review as well as disciplinary proceedings during its executive sessions. Provides that deliberations		Chapter 172	
SB 204/Zaffirini	11.12.10	and records relating these meetings are not open information.  Relating to insurance coverage for certain devices used in the treatment of diabetes: Diabetes equipment: blood glucose monitors, insulin pumps, insulin infusion, podiatric appliances, test strips visual reading and urine test strips, lancets and lancet devices, insulin and insulin analogs, injections aids, syringes, prescriptive and non-prescriptive oral agents, glucagon emergency kits, insulin pens, insulin pen needles, cartridges for pen injectors, disposable prefilled insulin pens, insulin delivery devices and devices that facilitate insulin therapy and enhance glucose control	September 1, 2011	Applicable	Ensure service are evidence based medicine and medically necessary for covered individual
HB 297/Berman	11.16.10	Relating to certain federal health care legislation; imposing penalties; The federal Act is not authorized by the US constitution and violates the constitution's true meaning and intent as expressed by the founders of this country and	September 1, 2011	N/A	

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		the ratifiers of the constitution			
HB 309/Menendez	11.17.10	Relating to the establishment of the supportive living facility pilot program; project underwriting pro forma from the permanent or construction lender;	On or after January 13, 2013	N/A	
Tx82RHB297/Berman	11.16.10	Relating to certain federal health care legislation; imposing penalties. The people of the several states comprising US of America created the federal government as their agent for certain enumerated purposes, and nothing more	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 335/Shelton	11.22.10	Relating to implementation and requirements of certain healthcare reform laws. A state agency must submit a report described by Subsection (d) of an expenditure incurred in implementing a provision of a federal health care reform law if: the provision: requires a person to purchase health insurance or similar health coverage, requires an employer to provide health insurance or similar health coverage to or for employees, imposes a penalty to an employer who does not provide health insurance or similar health coverage to or for employees, expands eligibility for the state Medicaid program or state child health plan program: creates a health insurance coverage mandate affecting a person; or creates a new health insurance or similar health coverage program that is administered by the state or a political subdivision of this state	September 1, 2011	N/A	
SB 241/Ellis	12.01.10	Relating to HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage. Companion 786 Amends the health and Safety Code to provide that when a health care provider takes a sample of a person's blood as part of a routine medical screening, the provider shall submit the sample for an HIV diagnostic test unless the patient opts out (the bill also requires that the patent be notified ahead of item) Adds a new subchapter (Coverage of Certain Testing Required) to the Insurance code to provide that a health benefit plan may not exclude or deny coverage for the performance of medical tests or procedures to determine HIV infection, regardless of whether the test or medical procedure is related to the primary diagnosis for which the enrollee seeks medical or surgical treatment applies to "standard health benefit plans" under Ch 1507 Insurance Code	September 1, 2011	Applicable	Medically necessary coverage and level of service is currently an eligible benefit
HB 28/Guillen		Relating to reimbursement for health care services provided at certain times to persons	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 32/Creighton		enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program.  Relating to the prohibition of required health insurance coverage.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 70/Martinez		Relating to telemedicine medical services, home telemonitoring service, telehealth services, and		N/A	

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		home telemonitoring services provided to certain Medicaid recipients. The executive commissioner by rule shall establish a statewide program that permits reimbursement under the state Medicaid program for home telemonitoring services as provided under this section.			
HB 97/Paxton		Relating to creation of the Health Freedom Act	Effective immediately if it receives a vote of 2/3 of members of elected to each house.	N/A	
HB 118/McClendon		Relating to requiring the provision of notice by certain hospitals regarding patients' medical records. May authorize the disposal of medical records relating to the patient on or after the periods specified in this section.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 124/Legler		Relating to payment for health care services and participation in a health care system.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 144/Laubenberg		Relating to payment for health care services and participation in a health care system.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 194/Walle		Relating to prohibiting the use of credit scoring in certain lines of personal insurance	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 203/Hughes		Relating to payment for health care services and participation in a health care system.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 124/Legler		Relating to payment for health care services and participation in a health care system.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 144/Laubenberg		Relating to payment for health care services and participation in a health care system "Direct payment", means payment for health care services provided to an individual or a dependent of the individual that is made by the individual or by the individual's employer, without a public or private third party, other that the employer paying for any portion of the services without a penalty or fine	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 208/Alonzo		Relating to prohibition of certain insurance discrimination. May not refuse to insure or provide coverage to an individual due to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, marital status, geographic location, sexual orientation or gender identify or expression.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 210/Alonzo		Relating to the coverage by certain health benefit plans of mammograms performed by certain health care providers.	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 2086/Lucio		Relating to the care of elementary and secondary school students with food or other life-threatening allergies. Allergy and Anaphylaxis management plan that includes the following: communication, strategies for reducing student's exposure, treatment plan for response	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 297/Berman		Relating to certain federal health care legislation,	September 1,	N/A	

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		imposing penalties. Tenth amendment to the US	2011	-	
		constitution defines the total scope of federal			
		power as that which has been delegated by the			
		people of the several states to the federal			
		government, and all power not expressly			
		delegated to the federal government in the US			
		constitution is reserved to the states respectively			
HB 309/Menendez		Relating to the establishment of the supportive	September 1,	N/A	
		living facility pilot program	2011		
HB 335/Shelton		Relating to implementation and requirements of	September 1,	N/A	
•		certain health care reform laws (mandated	2011		
		purchase or employer penalty for not healthcare	-		
		benefits)			
Paxton		Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional			
Taxton		amendment relating to the rights of individuals			
		to choose or decline to choose to purchase			
		health insurance coverage			
Legler		Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional			
		amendment authorizing certain payment for			
		health care services and prohibiting requiring			
		participation in a health care system			
Laubenberg		Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional			
		amendment authorizing certain payment for			
		health care services and prohibiting requiring			
		participation in a health care system			
SB 120/Uresti		Relating to requiring dental support for a child	September 1,	N/A	
•		subject to a child support order for access to	2011		
		dental benefits			
SB 155/Huffman		Relating to the eligibility of certain school district	September 1,	N/A	
02 200,		employees to participate or be enrolled in	2011	,	
		certain group health benefit programs	2011		
SB 190/Nelson		Relating to the licensing and regulation of	September 1,	N/A	
3D 130/ NEI30II		physicians, physician, assistants, acupuncturists,	2011	IN/A	
			2011		
		and surgical assistant. On receipt of a complaint,			
		the board may consider a previously investigated			
		complaint to determine whether there is a			
		pattern of practice violating this subtitle.			
SB 204/Zaffirini		Relating to insurance coverage for certain	September 1,	N/A	
		devices used in the treatment of diabetes. Test	2011		
		strips for blood glucose monitors, visual reading			
		and urine test strips, lancets and lancet devices,			
		insulin and insulin analogs, injection aids,			
		syringes, insulin pens, insulin pen needles,			
		cartridges for pen injectors, disposable prefilled			
		insulin pens, insulin delivery devices, and devices			
		that facilitate insulin therapy and enhance			
		glucose control. (Discussion around I-port			
		benefit eligibility but is a device discussion			
SB 241/Ellis	<del> </del>	Relating to HIV and AIDS tests and to health	September 1,	N/A	
3D 241/ LIII3			-	IN/A	
		benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.	2011		
		Before taking a sample of a person's blood, a			
		health care provider must verbally informs a			
		person that an HIV test will be performed unless			
		the person opts out of the HIV test. A health			

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		benefit plan issuer may not exclude or deny coverage for the performance of medical tests or procedures to determine HIV infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other probable causative agent of AIDS, regardless of			
		whether the test or medical procedure is related to the primary diagnosis of the health condition, accident, or sickness for which the enrollee seeks			
		medical or surgical treatment			
HB 419/Villareal		Relating to the automatic enrollment of certain women in the demonstration projects for women's health care services.	August 31, 2011	N/A	
HB 438/Thompson	12.15.10	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for orally administered anticancer medications.	September 1, 2011	N/A but mentioned the Exchange under Chapter 942	
SB 262/Carona	12.15.10	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for orally administered anticancer medications	September 1, 2011	N/A but mentioned the Exchange under Chapter 942	
SB 293/Watson	12.21.10	Relating to telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services provided to certain Medicaid recipients.  Telemonitoring services are available only to persons who are diagnosed with one or more conditions described by Section 531.02171 © (4) and who exhibit two or more of the following risk factors: two or hospitalizations in the prior 12 month period, frequent or recurrent emergency room admissions, documented history of poor adherence to ordered medication regiments, documented history of falls in the prior six month period, limited or absent informal support systems, living alone or being home alone for extended periods of time and a documented history of care access challenges	September 1, 2011	Medicaid	
HB 474/Lewis	12.28.10	Relating to eligibility requirements for certain public benefits programs. All applicant for benefits must complete a Form I-( and provide documentation that establishes the applicant's identify and eligibility to work in the US as required by that form to be eligible to receive benefits under any of the following programs: child health plan under Chapter 62 Health and Safety Code, the financial assistance program under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, the medical assistance program under chapter 32, the nutritional assistance program under chapter 33, Human Resources Code	September 1, 2011	N/A	
HB 503/Walle		Relating to eligibility for children's Medicaid and the child health plan program. The commission shall establish income eligibility levels consistent	September 1, 2011	N/A	

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		with Title XXI, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.			
		Section1397aa et seq.), as amended, and any			
		other applicable law or regulations, and subject			
		to the availability of appropriate money, so that			
		a child who is younger than 19 years of age and			
		whose net family income is at or below 200			
		percent of the federal poverty level is eligible for			
		health benefits coverage under the program.			
HB 552/Phillips	1.7.11	Relating to a prohibition on coverage for	September 1,	N/A	
		abortion under health benefit plans offered	2011		
		through a health benefit exchange			
SB 325/Van de Putte	1.10.11	Relating to the automatic enrollment of certain	Effect August 31,	N/A	
3D 323/ Vall de l'utte	1.10.11	women in the demonstration project for	2011	IN/A	
		women's health care services. Preventive health	2011		
		and family planning services to include: medical			
		history, physical examinations, health screenings			
		for diabetes, cervical cancer, breast cancer,			
		sexually transmitted diseases, hypertension,			
		cholesterol and tuberculosis, counseling on			
		contraception, provision of contraceptives risk			
		assessment, appropriate referrals			
HB 636/Zerwas	1.13.11	Relating to creation of the Texas Health	September 2011	N/A	
		Insurance Connector. The small employer and			
		individual health benefit plan markets in this			
		state are a fundamental and integral component			
		of the economy of this state that create			
		significant employment and business			
		opportunity, including enabling more than 1.5			
		million individuals, and 110,000 small businesses			
		with more than 650,000 employees to obtain			
		health benefit plan coverage in 2009. The US			
		Congress exceeded its constitutional authority			
		by passing the Patient Protection and Affordable			
		Care Act, which contained a number of			
		provisions that have the potential to significantly			
		undermine the operations of the small employer			
		and individual health benefit plan markets in this state. The Patient Protection and Affordable			
		Care Act includes an option for a state to create			
		a health insurance exchange to facilitate the purchase of individual and small group health			
		coverage and to provide assistance with			
		enrollment of eligible individuals in qualified			
		health plans in lieu of the federal government			
		operating a health insurance exchange in the			
		State. "Qualified health plan means a health			
		benefit plan that the board has certified under			
		Section 1509.108. " The Board may adopt rules			
		necessary to implement state responsibility in			
		compliance with a federal law or regulation or			
		action of a federal court relating to a person or			
		activity under the purview of the connector if			
		the federal law, regulation or action of the			

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		federal court requires a sate to adopt the rules		Chapter 172	
		or action by a state to ensure protection of the			
		citizens of the state, the rules will avoid federal			
		preemption of state insurance regulation or the			
		rules will prevent the loss of federal funds to this			
		state. The connector and the department shall			
		cooperate to promote a stable health benefit			
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		plan market in this state. At least three of the			
		five board members appointed by the governor			
		must have experience in health care			
		administration, health care economics, or health			
		insurance or be knowledgeable concerning			
		general business or actuarial principles. One of			
		the board members appointed by the governor			
		must represent the interests of health plan			
		consumers in this state, one must represent the			
		interests of small employers in this state, and			
		one must be an enrollee or be reasonably			
		expected to qualify for coverage under a			
		qualified health plan in this state. The connector			
		shall: rule establish procedures consistent with			
		federal law and regulations for the certification,			
		recertification and decertification of health			
		benefit plans as qualified health plans; provide			
		for the operation of a toll-free telephone hotline			
		to respond to requests for assistance; maintain			
		an Internet website through which an enrollee or			
		prospective enrollee may obtain standardized			
		information, locate comparative coverage, assign			
		a rating based on criteria developed by the			
		secretary, standard format for presenting			
		information, eligibility appropriateness for			
		Medicaid, child health plan program or other			
		similar federal, state or local public health			
		benefit program. Make available electronically a			
		calculator to determine the actual cost of			
		coverage after the application of any premium			
		tax credit or cost-sharing subsidy available under			
		federal law, certify that an individual is exempt			
		from the individual responsibility penalty under			
		Section 5000A, Internal Revenue Code of 1986,			
		and notify the secretary of the exemption,			
		establish a navigator program as described by			
		Section 1311(i), provide for processing of			
		applications for coverage under a qualified			
		health plan, the enrollment of persons, establish			
		billing and payment policies for issuers of			
		qualified health plans, engage in marketing and			
		outreach, collect and maintain information			
		concerning qualified health plans, including data			
		concerning enrollment, disenrollment, claims			
UD 042 /C ::	4 24 44	and claim denials.	I 4 2042	21/2	
HB 813/Gutierrez	1.21.11	Relating to the election of the commissioner of	January 1, 2013	N/A	
		insurance. A person appointed as an associate			
		or deputy commissioner or to hold an equivalent			

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		position must have at least five years of			
		experience in the administration of business or			
		government or as a practicing attorney or			
		certified public accountant. At least two years of			
		that experience must be in work related to the			
		position to be held.			
HB 758/Eiland	1.20.11	Relating to certain limitations in health benefit	September 1,	Yes	
		plans and health insurance policies. The insurer	2011		
		is not liable for any loss sustained or contracted			
		in consequence of the insured's being			
		intoxicated or under the influence of any			
		narcotic unless the narcotic is administered on			
LID OAC/LLtan	1 24 11	the advice of a physician.	C 1 1 4		
HB 816/Hunter	1.24.11	Relating to health plan and health benefit plan	September 1,	Yes	
		coverage for abortions. A health benefit plan	2011		
		may provide coverage for abortion only if the			
		coverage is provided to an enrollee separately			
		from other health benefit plan coverage offered			
		by the health benefit plan issuer; an enrollee pays separately from, and in addition to, the			
		premium for other health benefit plan coverage			
		a premium for coverage for abortion an enrollee			
		provides a signature required for abortion,			
		separately and distinct from the signature			
		required for other health benefit plan coverage			
		offered by the health benefit plan issuer. A			
		health benefit plan may provide coverage for an			
		abortion performed when a condition exists,			
		based on the performing physician's good faith			
		clinical judgment that complicates the condition			
		of a pregnant enrollee and necessitates the			
		abortion to avert the enrollee's death.			
SB 440/Lucio	1.28.11	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for	September 1,		
		autism spectrum disorder under certain health	2011		
		benefit plans.			
HB834/Hernandez	1.25.11	Relating to supplemental breast cancer			
Lunz		screening. Amends the Insurance code to			
		provide that a physician with a patient about the			
		results of the patient's mammogram shall			
		provide the patient with a copy of the patient's			
		mammogram results and informational materials			
		to help them interpret the results. Adds a new			
		chapter (Supplemental Breast Cancer Screening)			
		to require a health benefit plan that covers			
		mammography (including low-dose			
		mammography) to cover supplemental breast			
		cancer screening (MRI, ultrasound, or any other			
		method determined necessary by the physician			
		for an enrollee if a physician treating or			
		screening the enrollee finds dense breast tissue			
		and additional risk factors for breast cancer.			
		Supplement mammography by detecting breast			
		cancers that may not be visible using only			
	1	mammography, including: 1) breast MRI;			

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		2)breast ultrasound; 3)any other method			
		determined by a physician, based on patient's			
		specific risk factors.			
SB 404/Hegar	2.2.11	Relating to health plan and health benefit plan			
_		coverage for abortions. Adds a new subtitle to			
		the Insurance code to provide that coverage			
		obtained through a health benefit exchange may			
		not provide coverage for abortions except those			
		necessary to save the life of the mother. Adds a			
		new chapter (Coverage for Abortion Prohibitions			
		and Requirements) to the Insurance Code to			
		provide that a health benefit plan may provide			
		coverage for an abortion only if: 1) the coverage			
		is offered separately from other health benefit			
		plan coverage offered by the issuer; 2) and			
		enrollee pays separately and additionally for			
		abortion coverage; 3) an enrollee provides a			
		signature for coverage for abortion separate			
		from that for the rest of the plan. Makes			
		exception for abortions necessary to preserve			
		the life of the mother. The bill requires health			
		benefit plan issuers that provide coverage for			
		abortions to calculate the premium for the			
		coverage so that the premium "fully covers the			
		estimated cost of abortion per enrollee,: and			
		may not consider the savings from services (such			
		as prenatal care, delivery, postnatal care) not			
		delivered because of an abortion; the plan issuer			
		also may not provide a discount to an enrollee			
		for coverage other than coverage for abortion on			
		the basis of the enrollee having abortion			
		coverage. Requires the plan to provide notice of			
		these provisions to enrollees.			
HCR 27/Christian	1.4.11	Expressing opposition to the Patient Protection			
		and Affordable Care Act. Officially expresses the			
		Legislature's opposition to PPACA. Message			
		must be sent to the President and to leaders of			
		Congress.			
HJR 51/Christian	1.4.11	Proposing a constitutional amendment relating			
Tisik 51/Cillistian	1.4.11	to the rights of individuals to choose or decline			
		to choose to purchase health insurance			
		coverage. HJR 24 Paxton 11.8.10 H Filed. The			
		bill proposes an amendment to the state			
		constitution that would provide that each			
		individual has the right to choose or decline to			
/		choose health insurance coverage.			
HB 786/Davis, Yvonne		Relating to HIV and AIDS tests and to health			
		benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.			
		Companion 241			

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HB 842/Davis, John	1.25.11	Relating to telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services provided to certain Medicaid recipients.  Companions: HB 70 Martinez and SB 293  Watson  Amends the Government Code to provide that the executive commissioner of the health and Human Service Commission shall provide for Medicaid reimbursement for home telehealth and telemonitoring services for people with chronic conditions (e.g. chronic obstructive			
		pulmonary disease, hypertension, and congestive heart failure) who exhibit certain risk factors.			
HCR 25/Smith, Todd	12.28.10	Urgin Congress to remove confidentiality mandates for minors from family planning services programs operating under Title X of the Public Health Service Act and Medicaid.			

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