



**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCLENNAN COUNTY,  
TEXAS OPPOSING MEDICAID FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY RULE**

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid is a partnership between each state and the federal government, and the costs are shared. In Texas, total Medicaid reimbursement for hospital care is funded by state general revenue (~15%), local governments (~25%) and federal matching funds (~60%). Texas has worked hand-in-hand with the federal government to implement methods of finance tailored to the unique needs of our growing, geographically diverse state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services has proposed a Medicaid Rule titled the **Medicaid Fiscal Responsibility Rule**; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Rule, aimed at increasing the transparency of how the program's money is spent, narrows the definition of state and local funds that can be used to determine federal matching funds. This would reduce federal funding and cost Texas hospitals an estimated \$11 billion a year causing extreme hardship for many Texas rural hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Rule would significantly decrease transparency in the Medicaid program by vesting Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services with unilateral authority to enforce subjective standards to scrutinize whether states' Medicaid funding should be allowed; and

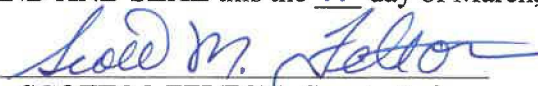
**WHEREAS**, In Texas, hospitals provide jobs to about 375,000 Texans and care for millions more. If finalized, the proposed Rule would create statewide health, jobs and economic problems beyond hospitals and the health care industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Rule would impose untested policies on providers with limited to no transition periods; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners Court of McLennan County, Texas does hereby express its strong opposition to the Medicaid Fiscal Responsibility Rule and the Commissioners Court of McLennan County, Texas expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who oppose this unsound rule.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be made a permanent part of the minutes of Commissioners Court;

**WITNESSED OUR HAND AND SEAL** this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
SCOTT M. FELTON, County Judge

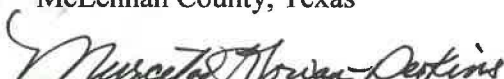
  
KELLY SNELL, Comm. Pct. 1

  
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Attest:  
J.A. "Andy" Harwell, County Clerk  
McLennan County, Texas

  
By: Deputy County Clerk

