

For over a century, JPS Health Network has provided exceptional care for the residents of Tarrant County, building a legacy of service that reaches far beyond clinical walls and deeply into the heart of our communities. Our commitment extends to advocating for public policies that support the health, safety, and well-being of our patients, staff, and all who call Tarrant County home. Our Government Relations team champions legislative priorities to create a healthier, safer Tarrant County by collaborating with lawmakers, leaders, and agencies at all levels. Together, we're shaping a brighter, healthier future for Tarrant County.



Workforce: Enhance Investments Into Healthcare Workforce Programs

- Support initiatives to expand the healthcare workforce pipeline.
- Secure funding for Senate Bill 25 to support nursing education, including scholarships, loan repayment, and grants.
- Increase state funding for healthcare education, training, retention, and loan repayment for physicians, nurses, behavioral health and allied health workers.
- Boost funding for the Nursing Shortage Reduction Fund.
- Ensure Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding to maintain adequate residency positions.
- Preserve and strengthen healthcare workplace safety laws for all hospital staff, building on recent legislative gains.



Access: Support Efforts that Increase Access to Healthcare Services

- Support efforts to increase the number of Texans with comprehensive health insurance.
- Promote innovations and technologies that improve care quality and accessibility.
- Advocate for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) and Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) as essential Medicaid benefits to enhance care continuity and reduce readmissions.
- Support measures to streamline CHIP and Medicaid enrollment to facilitate access for eligible individuals.
- Sustain investment in the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium for school-based and telehealth services, including Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) and Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT).
- Protect 340B hospitals' ability to expand care access by preventing restrictions from pharmacy benefit managers, payers, and drug manufacturers.



Financial Sustainability: Maintain Stable Equitable Hospital Funding

- Align Medicaid funding with hospital care costs based on Texas Health and Human Services rate reviews.
- Maintain Medicaid reimbursement add-ons for trauma, rural, and safety-net hospitals.
- Preserve state general revenue to ensure Medicaid program stability.
- Protect Medicaid payments through rates and supplemental payments.
- Sustain funding mechanisms that assist in offsetting uncompensated care costs.
- Invest in Medicaid to achieve parity across hospital types and prioritize for critical teaching and safety net system services.
- Support rate rebasing, including Medicaid rate increases for behavioral health and state-contracted bed reimbursements.