

Priorities for 86th Legislature

Integrated Healthcare

- Continue to hold Medicaid and CHIP MCOs responsible for pharmacy services
- Continue to hold STAR Kids MCOs responsible for MDCP services for medically fragile children
- Extend health coverage for new mothers to improve future birth outcomes and reduce maternal mortality
- Promote partnerships between hospitals and MCOs through data sharing on emergency room visits and inpatient admissions
- Lift limitations on the Medicaid pharmacy lock-in program to better address the opioid crisis
- Add MCO representatives as voting members to the DUR/P&T committee

Financial Sustainability

- Fund capitation payments for August 2019 through a supplemental appropriation
- Maintain the risk margin that helps mitigate financial losses
- Maintain profit sharing arrangement between MCOs and the state

Administrative Simplification

- Maintain current robust network adequacy standards
- Reduce duplication between HHSC and TDI reporting requirements
- Eliminate the requirement for hard copy provider directories except upon request
- Improve the tracking and resolution of member and provider complaints