

744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

EXP 2014 EXP 2015 BUD 2016

Item: 1 Health Care Reform Impact

Method of Financing

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

Strategy: 1-1-1 MEDICAL EDUCATION

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL, Strategy 1-1-1	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL, GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, Method of Financing	\$0	\$0	\$0

LEGAL AUTHORITY/STATUTORY REFERENCE FOR ITEM:

HR 3590 PPACA (PL 111-148); HR 4872 Reconciliation Act (PL 111-152); and HR 1 ARRA (PL 111-5)

DESCRIPTION/KEY ASSUMPTIONS:

The fiscal impact on UTHealth is difficult to measure as many of the reforms of the ACA did not begin on time and the regulations and assumptions are changing rapidly during the implementation.

CONCERNS:

The top concern for UTHealth is the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the health care workforce. The health care reform bill projects a greater number of insured patients. However, with an estimated national shortfall in physicians of at least 90,000 by 2020, these newly insured patients will find that access to health care will be limited and difficult. Additionally, Texas already ranks 47th among the states in primary physicians per 100,000 population and 42nd in total active practicing physicians per 100,000. As the population ages, the lack of specialty care will impact the newly insured's access to a specialist. Texas ranks high compared to other states in its ability to retain medical students and residents (third best in the nation), but there are not enough resident positions available in Texas to keep all of the best and brightest from Texas medical schools.

Additionally, the nursing shortage in Texas continues to be an issue. The nursing shortage reduction efforts by the Legislature in the last two sessions have assisted nursing schools, including UTHealth's, by increasing their enrollment. However, Texas still ranks 43rd in the number of registered nurses per 100,000 population. Texas, according to the CDC, ranks 44th in the number of dentist per 100,000. Approximately 85% of Texas' public health workforce has no formal public health education.

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MOF RECAP

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