



The Senate of The State of Texas

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Senator Menéndez Issues Statement on Medicaid Cuts

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San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez released the following statement in response to the Health and Human Service Commission implementation of dramatic cuts to the Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy.

"These dangerous cuts will hurt Texas families and deny children access to critical medical services. Because of their disability, many of these children require specialized care which their parents are not able to afford. I'm deeply concerned children are going to lose access to physical therapy to teach them to walk or speech therapy to learn how to talk."

"I have been working with my constituents to delay these cuts since the summer of 2015 when rates were first announced. Today, I've called on Governor Abbott and Commissioner Smith to delay these cuts until the legislature can meet and determine the consequences of reducing medical care for children with disabilities."

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