



October 18, 2024

Brady Franks  
State Budget Director  
Office of the Governor  
1100 San Jacinto, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Cesar Puesan IV  
Budget and Policy Advisor  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Mr. Franks and Mr. Puesan:

Texas Health and Safety Code, Section [1001.155](#), requires the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to submit a biennial report on Texas Medical Child Abuse Resources and Education System (MedCARES) grant recipients, activities, and outcomes.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Jordan Shepherd-Hill, Director of Government Affairs, may be reached by telephone at (512) 776-7263 or by email at [Jordan.Hill@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Jordan.Hill@dshs.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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Jennifer A. Shuford, M.D., M.P.H.  
DSHS Commissioner



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The Honorable Stephanie Klick  
Chair, House Committee on Public Health  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

Dear Chair Klick:

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The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Sam Houston Building, Room 420  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Kolkhorst:

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Mr. Jerry McGinty, II  
Director, Legislative Budget Board  
P.O. Box 12666  
Austin, TX 78711-2666

Dear Mr. McGinty:

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The Honorable Dade Phelan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 2W.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Speaker Phelan:

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The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Capitol, Room 2E.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Patrick:

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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
1200 Congress, Room 25.1  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

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