

HEALTH CARE PRESENTATION

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- Immigration reform is a necessity.
- Once undocumented individuals are in our community and require health care services, it is no longer an immigration issue - it is a health care matter.
- At the Federal level, the Health Care Reform Bill does not allow undocumented individuals to purchase health insurance in the proposed insurance combines. Why do we allow them to purchase home and automobile insurance but not health care insurance?
- The Harris County Hospital District provides services to undocumented individuals on the basis of good public policy criteria. No elective or cosmetic surgical procedures. Basic services are provided as well as emergency care. Additionally, if potentially expensive acute care services (\$2,500-\$3,000 per day) can be avoided by providing outpatient primary and preventive care (\$100-\$125 per visit), then these services are provided to thus reduce the overall expense of care.
- During fiscal year 2011, the Harris County Hospital District's budget was approximately \$1.1 billion. Undocumented immigrants were provided both inpatient and outpatient services and reflected the following statistics:

Total Number of Patients	64,939
Total Number of Cases	451,487
Total Costs	\$197,992,223
Total Payments	\$ 35,512,268
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$162,479,955)

- The vast majority of care provided undocumented immigrants were women and children. Obstetrical related services were a significant portion of the total.