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## Texas Hospitals Support Extension of the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver and Increased Uncompensated Care Waiver Funding

The Texas Medicaid 1115 Transformation **Waiver expires Sept. 30, 2016** and with it, hospitals' largest source of **uncompensated care funds.**

## Although Texas is making progress on reducing its number of uninsured ...

**1.2 million enrollees** in the federal health insurance marketplace

**2nd highest** enrollment nationwide

Percent of Texans under 65 without health insurance dropped from **24.6 percent** in 2013 to **16.9 percent** in 2015.

2013

2015

## ... challenges of caring for the uninsured and hospitals' uncompensated care burden remain.

- Even with full implementation of the ACA, 12.8 percent of Texans would be uninsured.

**2.9 million** Texans would be uninsured

- Uncompensated care costs are projected to reach almost $8.8 billion in 2019.

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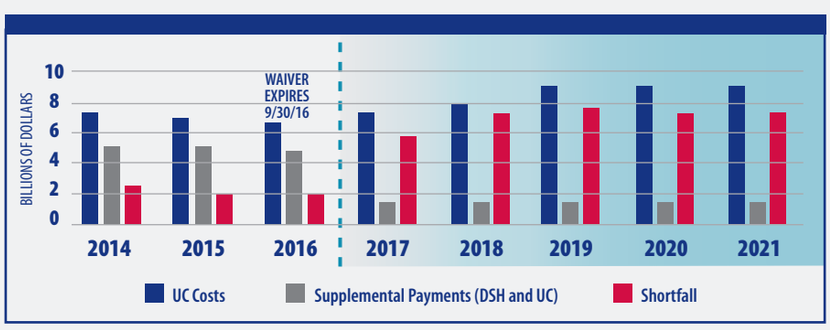
- **Medical inflation still outpaces general inflation...** even though hospitals are proactively bending the cost curve and improving quality (i.e. reducing readmissions and health-care acquired conditions) and are moving to pay for performance.

## Extension of the Medicaid 1115 waiver AND an increased uncompensated care pool are needed to sustain access to high quality health care.

**Texas hospitals support extension of the Medicaid 1115 waiver AND an increased uncompensated care pool** to sustain access to high quality health care.

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