



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for attending this morning's "Start the Conversation" breakfast. I hope the conversation we start here will grow into a relationship that helps low-income families get the information they need about state programs that can help them.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is committed to making sure families know about the health and medical benefits available through Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We understand that community and faith-based organizations like yours are trusted sources of information for families. We want to work together to tell more families about how CHIP and Children's Medicaid can help keep Texas children healthy.

HHSC has materials and resources that can help your church or organization tell families about these programs. The website, www.CHIPmedicaid.org, includes details about the programs and an on-line order form where you can order free brochures and other materials. In addition, HHSC can train volunteers to help families fill out the children's health insurance application.

Our discussion at this morning's breakfast will help support a community-wide "Champions for Children HealthFest" at Holman Street Baptist Church on October 13, and you can participate in "CHIP/Children's Medicaid Sunday" October 14 by making CHIP/Children's Medicaid a part of your Sunday worship service.

As we carry on our conversation this morning, you will see there are many ways you can help Texas families by sharing information about CHIP and Children's Medicaid throughout the year. Thank you for helping us spread the word about these important programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "H".

Albert Hawkins