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Registration and Request to Speak at the

Department of State Health Services Council Work Session
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Austin, Texas

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I wish to appear before the Department of State Health Services Council to speak on the following agenda topic. (Please complete a separate form for each agenda topic on which you wish to provide comments):

Summary of Comments:

- Need to amend rules to include providers who are not eligible for the sole reason of providing a different service package than required to participate in TWHP.

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Recommended Amendment

**Agenda Item Title: Amendment to a rule concerning the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) Program
Agenda Number: 4.d**

Article II, Rider 72 of the General Appropriations Act for State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 (House Bill 1, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015):

72. **Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program.** Funds appropriated above may only be expended by the Department of State Health Services in Strategy B.1.2. Women and Children's Health Services for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program. to compensate providers that would be eligible to participate in the Texas Women's Health Program. including providers that would be otherwise eligible. but for the sole reason of providing a different service package than required to participate in the Texas Women's Health Program. If the department is unable to

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locate a sufficient number of eligible providers in a certain region. the department may compensate other local providers for the provision of breast and cervical cancer screening services.

Recommended Language:

Amend Section 61.33 by adding the following subsection (c) and renumber subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) If other local providers are compensated by the methodology under subsection (b), the BCCS Program shall prioritize proposed providers that would not be eligible for the sole reason of providing a different service package than required to participate in the Texas Women's Health Program.