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This report is submitted in accordance with the Kidney Health Care Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 42, which requires the provision of an annual report to the Governor and Legislature on the activities of the Kidney Health Care (KHC) Program. This program is administered by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

This report covers the activities, expenditures, and accomplishments of KHC for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2004. Further, this report includes information on program activities and the fiscal impact of recipient growth. It describes KHC approved applicants, their primary diagnoses, and the treatment status of current KHC recipients. Demographic characteristics of the end-stage renal disease population served by KHC are described, along with a section on incidence, prevalence, mortality, and facility information.

KHC has provided services to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease since September 1973. During these 31 years, more than 80,000 individuals diagnosed with this chronic disease have been approved for program benefits. KHC provides benefits for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, medication, and transportation services.

As we begin our 32nd year of operations, KHC continues its commitment to providing quality customer service to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease. For more information about the program, please contact Susan Ristine, Information Specialist, Purchased Health Services Unit, at 512-458-7160 or toll-free 1-800-222-3986, or email at Susan.Ristine@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EJ Sanchez M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner