



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

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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 Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to report annually to the Governor and Legislature on the activities of the Kidney Health Care (KHC) Program. The Purchased Health Services Unit of the DSHS administers this program.

This report covers the activities, expenditures, and accomplishments of KHC for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2005.

KHC has provided services to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease since September 1973. During these 32 years, more than 84,000 individuals diagnosed with this chronic disease have been approved for program benefits. The KHC Program provides benefits for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, medication, and transportation services.

As we begin our 33<sup>rd</sup> year of operations, the KHC Program continues its commitment to providing quality customer service to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease. For more information about the program, please have a member of your staff contact Susan Ristine, Information Specialist, Purchased Health Services Unit, at (512) 458-7160 or toll-free 1-800-222-3986, or e-mail [Susan.Ristine@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Susan.Ristine@dshs.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D.".

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