House Bill 18

• Established **Texas Cares** to provide uninsured individuals access to prescription drug benefits

• Individuals are eligible if they are citizens or lawful permanent residents, Texas residents and uninsured

• Broad applicability for impacted drugs
Implementation Progress

• Infrastructure set up
• Assessed contracting options and conducted a Request for Information in July of 2021
• Studied other state programs
• Pharmacy stakeholder engagement
• Health Care Provider survey
• Partnership with University of Texas School of Pharmacy
Next Steps

• Program design options by August 31, 2022
• Legislative report due December 1, 2022
• Publish rules February 2023