



# House Bill 18 Implementation Update: Texas Cares

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# 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