

The MolinaCares Accord in **TEXAS**

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Welcome from Plan President, Chris Coffey

I am pleased to share that we have hit the ground running investing in critical community programs to ensure Texans across the Lone Star state have access to the quality care they need. MolinaCares, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Texas (MHT), announced partnerships with two Texas nonprofits focused on improving access to health care for rural Texans. The Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) and Texas Rural Health Association (TRHA) are the recipients of a \$250,000 grant and \$75,000 grant respectively to fund programs and collaborations aimed at developing telemedicine and other technology and protocols necessary to bring quality Texas health care to our rural communities in the state.

Since joining Molina Healthcare of Texas last year, I have been amazed at the tireless effort of our team as they strive every day to improve the health and wellbeing of Texas communities. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our state, Molina Healthcare of Texas will continue working to ensure our community has access to the proper care they need and the health care workforce is supported during this demanding time.

2021 ended on a very strong note, and I can't wait to continue updating you as we build on our progress throughout the year.

Best,

Chris Coffey
Plan President
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MolinaCares in the community

Alton Public Safety Building Community Giving Closet

Molina Healthcare of Texas is partnering with the City of Alton to create the Molina Healthcare Community Giving Closet. Molina is providing the closet with an initial donation of \$500 in toiletries and other personal care essentials which include deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, floss, and more, all of which are free for any in need.

The Molina Healthcare Community Giving Closet is part of the Alton Resource Center and will be located inside the city's Public Safety Building. The grand opening occurred February 4, and the closet will be open to the public on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



\$250,000 grant to Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals

As part of the continued effort to expand access to health care in Texas, The MolinaCares Accord, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Texas, announced a \$250,000 investment to support The Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH).

MolinaCares provided TORCH with \$250,000 to advance rural health through clinical integration, telehealth, and data analytics. "Texas' primary care doctor shortage has been exacerbated by the pandemic, and our rural communities have been hit particularly hard," said **John Henderson, president and CEO of TORCH**. "Telehealth is an important tool, both now and for the future of health care in rural Texas, and partners like MolinaCares make it possible for us to move the dial on rural health care by investing in programs that will ultimately make Texans healthier."



\$75,000 grant to Texas Rural Health Association



MolinaCares provided The Texas Rural Health Association (TRHA) with an investment of \$75,000 to bolster workforce training and access

to telemedicine through the expansion of the High School Telemedicine Technical Certificate Course. Funding will enable TRHA to bring the one-of-a-kind training program – and the first telemedicine certificate training program – to as many as nine high schools in the West Texas region and allow more access to young people who want to pursue a career in health care, equipping them with the tools to excel and fill gaps in the workforce.

"The development of appropriate health resources for medically underserved areas of rural Texas is critical for the future of our state, and this includes educational resources," said **Kelly Cheek, director of TRHA**. "Funding from MolinaCares will enable us to better equip the young workforce, filling critical health care jobs in rural areas and helping provide better care for our communities."

MolinaCares in the community

El Paso Child Guidance Center expansion

MolinaCares joined 19 other organizations to support the construction of the El Paso Child Guidance Center's \$3 million state of the art clinic expansion. The nationally accredited and recognized El Paso Child Guidance Center is focused on children's mental health care through high-quality trauma-informed care and a wide range of services. The center's renovation and expansion will double the number of children and families receiving high quality mental health care in a child-friendly building. A groundbreaking was held on February 9 to kick off the expansion effort.

"In this time of a child mental health crisis, our community recognizes the need for access to high quality mental health care" said **Cathy Gaytan, chief executive officer of El Paso Child Guidance Center.** "Our community has entrusted their investments with us as we continue to grow to meet the rising demand for services. We have been at the forefront of children's mental health care in El Paso for 67 years and will continue ensuring children's mental health care needs are met and families reach their fullest potential."



McKinney Fire Department and Molina Healthcare of Texas expand community healthcare program

The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) expanded its award-winning Community Healthcare Program by partnering with Molina Healthcare of Texas. This partnership was established to quickly identify patients at high risk for needing to access the city's Emergency Medical Services for their medical care. With the support of Molina, advanced practice paramedics will be assisted by a nurse practitioner and an emergency room physician to provide ongoing in-home personal care for non-emergency situations.

"By partnering with Molina Healthcare of Texas, we can more easily identify patients who can benefit from our Community Healthcare Program and provide vulnerable people with care while also freeing up our emergency teams for when and where they are truly needed," said **Fire Chief Danny Kistner.**



Upcoming events

Virtual panel: Improving Rural Access to Health Care

Please join us on Tuesday, March 29 for a virtual panel discussion on improving access to health care for rural Texans. The discussion will focus on how to improve telehealth, workforce training, delivery models, and how to address the Texas rural health crisis.

Panelists include:

- **Kelly Cheek**, director of the Texas Rural Health Association
- **John Henderson**, president and CEO of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH)
- **Dr. David Valdez**, chief medical officer of Molina Healthcare of Texas

Stay tuned for more details!

Save the date: NORC webinar

MolinaCares and NORC Managed Care Organizations Learning Hub are excited to announce part 3 of the Medicaid Managed Care Webinar Series “Innovations in Medicaid” with the upcoming webinar How States Can Use ARPA Funding to Support HCBS Technology Needs. During this webinar, you will hear respected health care experts, including Molina’s own Senior Vice President of LTSS Michelle Bentzien-Purrington, discuss how states investing in home and community-based services would improve services deliver, care coordination, health outcomes and bend the cost curve for Medicaid members receiving HCBS.

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. ET
- Register for the webinar by clicking [here](#).

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