

1 **Health and Human Services**

2 (Mental Health)

3 Caring for Citizens who Are Mentally Disabled: We urge the Legislature to continue funding and operating
4 all state-supported living centers for mentally disabled legal Texas residents, and to continually seek
5 common sense improvements to increase efficiency.

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8 Mental Health: We support parents’ right to choose or reject, with prior written informed consent and
9 without penalty, each medication and mental health assessment or survey administered to their children.

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12 (Government-funded Health Programs)

13 Parental Safeguard: We support abolishing the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, the trauma-
14 informed care policy, school-based mental health providers, school-based or school-connected mental
15 health interventions, and other public school programs that serve to expand access to minor. Legislators
16 shall prohibit all reproductive healthcare services in public schools.

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19 Welfare Reform: We support the abolition of all federal welfare programs, as they are not an appropriate
20 role of the federal government. Until such time, Welfare reform should encourage partnerships with faith-
21 based institutions, community, and business organizations to assist individuals in need. We encourage
22 welfare reform in the following areas:

- 23 a. Denying benefits to individuals who cannot prove citizenship.
- 24 b. Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to work, learn, and train to move toward
- 25 self-sufficiency.
- 26 c. Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to remain substance-abuse free in
- 27 exchange for temporary benefits not exceeding two years.
- 28 d. Requiring all welfare recipients to submit to random drug testing in order to receive benefits.
- 29 e. Requiring that money provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- 30 (SNAP) be used only for nutritious foods consistent with those included under the WIC
- 31 program, and be released only with a photo ID of the approved user.
- 32 f. Implementing a non-monetary-based assistance program for providing supplemental food
- 33 benefits.
- 34 g. Removing prisoners from welfare rolls.

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37 Child Support Related to Welfare: Mothers applying for government financial support, exempting rape
38 victims, should provide the verifiable name and any known contact information of the birth father, which

39 information shall be turned over to the State of Texas Attorney General's Office within 30 days for
40 collection of child support.

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43 Oversight of Disability Claims: We call for stronger and more stringent reviews of disability claims to
44 ensure that assistance is provided only to those truly in need.

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47 Medicaid Reform: We support Medicaid block grants to the states and returning Medicaid to its original
48 purpose to be a temporary assistance. We oppose any further expansion of Medicaid.

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51 Medicare Reform: Medicare should have a non-penalized opt-out for those who have health insurance
52 through their employer and continue to work.

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55 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"): We demand the immediate repeal of the
56 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which we believe to be unconstitutional.

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59 Home and Community-Based Services: We call on the Texas Legislature to support Home and
60 Community-Based Services (HCBS) as a pro-life alternative, and as an alternative for children and adults
61 with disabilities.

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64 (Homosexuality and Gender Issues)

65 Homosexuality: We believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special
66 status for homosexual behavior, regardless of state of origin, and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties
67 against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values. No one
68 should be granted special legal status based on their LGBTQ+ identification.

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71 Gender Identity: We oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity. For the purpose of attempting to
72 affirm 21 or under a person if their perception is inconsistent with their biological sex, no medical
73 practitioner or provider may engage in the following practices:

- 74 a. Intervene in any way to prevent natural progression of puberty.
75 b. Administer or provide opposite sex hormones.
76 c. Perform any surgery on healthy body parts of the underage person.
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79 No Taxpayer Funding for Sex Change: We oppose the use of taxpayer funds for any type of medical
80 gender dysphoria treatments or sex change operations and/or treatments. This includes but is not limited
81 to military personnel as well as inmates in federal, state, or local prisons or jails. Inmates must be housed
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88 according to their biological sex. No Federal, state, insurance, or probate monies may be allocated for the
89 use of such treatment.

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92 Counseling Methods: Therapists, psychologists, and counselors licensed with the State of Texas shall not
93 be forbidden or penalized by any licensing board for practicing Reintegrative Therapy or other counseling
94 methods when counseling clients of any age with gender dysphoria or unwanted same-sex attraction.

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97 (Substance Abuse & Addiction)

98 Addiction: We oppose legalization and decriminalization of illicit and synthetic drugs, and we support the
99 exercise of a zero tolerance policy with maximum penalty for illegal drug manufacturers and distributors.
100 We also oppose any needle exchange programs. Faith-based rehabilitation programs should be
101 considered as a part of an overall rehabilitation program.

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104 Cannabis Classification: Congress should remove cannabis from the list of Schedule 1 and move to
105 Schedule 2.

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108 Pornography Crisis: The State of Texas shall recognize that pornography is a public health-hazard.

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111 Opposition to Pornography: We are opposed to the proliferation of pornography and have determined this
112 is a moral crisis of the devaluing of human dignity that leads to a public health and criminal justice crisis. In
113 response, we urge the following changes:

- 114 a. The repeal of sections of the Texas Penal Code that allow for public schools to maintain
115 obscene material within their education materials.
- 116 b. Completely remove pornography and lewd materials from school libraries and electronic
117 libraries provided to school districts. Parents shall be involved in the local decisions on the
118 removal of these materials from our public schools.

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121 Ban on Exposing Minors to Pornography Online: We call upon our elected leaders to compel any websites
122 displaying pornographic content in Texas to implement age verification for preventing minors from
123 accessing the content, and to block or punish any such websites that continue to make such material
124 available to minors.

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127 Pornography Crisis: The State of Texas shall recognize that pornography and pedophilia are public health
128 hazard.

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131 (Healthcare Independence)

132 Medical Freedom: We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly states that Texans have
133 the natural right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment. Therefore, the following are expressly
134 forbidden even in an emergency or a pandemic:

- 135 a. Since informed consent is a basic human right, any attempt to mandate, force, or coerce
136 any medical test, procedure, or product, including vaccines or masks.
- 137 b. Our personal healthcare decisions are private; any attempt to use a citizen's perceived
138 health, infection recovery, or vaccination status as a condition to maintain or obtain housing
139 or employment or employee benefits, attend school or childcare, or access state services.
- 140 c. We believe that no school, public or private, nor any health care provider shall be allowed to
141 withhold from a parent or legal guardian information that is relevant to the physical or
142 mental health of the minor, to include information related to a minor's perception that his or
143 her gender or sex is inconsistent with his or her biological sex.
- 144 d. Any mandates by public, private, government, or medical entities for treatment, vaccination,
145 vaccine passports, mask requirements, health insurance surcharges, or use of controlled
146 substances of any kind.
- 147 e. Any involuntary isolation or quarantine of anyone not experiencing an active contagious
148 infection.
- 149 f. Both the risks and benefits of a proposed intervention, including quantifiable adverse
150 effects, must be equally communicated and accessible to the patient or to a minor patient's
151 parents or guardian.
- 152 g. Any prevention of visitation to the ill when risks are acknowledged and mitigated according
153 to patient and visitor choice.

- 154 h. Any Nuremberg Code violations—including but not limited to the requirement that use of
155 experimental use medications must provide full knowledgeable consent and be free from
156 any form of coercion or inducement.
157 i. We oppose any tracing of individuals by cell phones or another means for any reason
158 without an individual court issued warrant. We ask that the Contact Tracing Program,
159 Workforce and Center Programs agreement be rescinded.

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162 Texas Medical Practice Act: To protect the rights of both patients and physicians, the Texas Medical
163 Board (TMB) should adopt the following provisions in the Texas Medical Practice Act:

- 164 a. Protect the right of patients to choose natural solutions, including chiropractic care, to their
165 health problems, as well as the physician's right to provide natural solutions for health
166 problems.
167 b. Protect physicians from interference from the TMB or the Texas State Board of Pharmacy
168 in the physician's treatment plans or prescriptions.
169 c. Eliminate confidential complaints against physicians.
170 d. Eliminate anonymous medical witnesses against physicians.
171 e. Mandate legal due process in all TMB proceedings.
172 f. Allow physicians the right to have a complaint against them tried in a state district court,
173 rather than in an administrative law court.
174 g. Prohibit TMB members from working for insurance, pharmaceutical companies, or hospitals
175 while serving on the board, to prevent conflict of interest.
176 h. Prohibit intimidation tactics by TMB lawyers against physicians.

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179 Medication Manufacturing: Medications and prescription drugs consumed in the US should be
180 manufactured in the US for security, consistency, and reliability of the drug. We strongly encourage our
181 state to promote private entities to initiate and sustain the buildup of the supply chain and manufacturing of
182 the medical and health products in this state to help reduce the costs and increase the availability of
183 medical products to its constituents.

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186 Labels on Medications: The labels on all prescription and over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and
187 medical supplies must be required to show the country where manufactured or produced.

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190 Medical Records and Informed Consent: We oppose any state or federal medical record computer
191 database that stores personal identifiable records on citizens without their written consent.

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194 Right to Try: We urge the Texas State Legislature and Governor to enact laws that protect patient's and
195 their doctor's rights to have access to experimental or off-label medications and procedures that can

196 potentially be lifesaving or improve quality of life without the Medical Board, Pharmacy Board, or Hospital
197 Boards Interfering.

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200 Healthcare Savings Accounts: All individuals should be allowed to establish health savings accounts.
201 Individuals should be allowed higher annual contributions to health savings accounts.

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204 Texas HSA: We recommend the creation of the State of Texas Health Savings Account, with funds in
205 excess of those needed in the Rainy Day Fund, with the purpose of enabling the state to develop reserves
206 sufficient to exit the federal Medicaid program, which will not expire nor be utilized for any other purpose.

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209 (Environmental Health)

210 Water Supply: The Republican Party of Texas opposes medication of the drinking water supply of the
211 state of Texas, including but not limited to fluoridation.

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214 Toxic Exposure: We support the immediate implementation of the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015,
215 which will ensure that the federal government will establish a database on all exposed veterans and their
216 families.

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219 (Parental Rights)

220 Parental Rights and Responsibilities: We support the fundamental, constitutional rights of parents to raise
221 and educate their children, including their rights to direct the care, custody, control, upbringing, moral and
222 religious training, and medical care of their children. Local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or policies
223 that limit parental rights in the rearing of both biological and adopted children shall not be enacted. Parents
224 have the God-given right and responsibility to direct and guide their children's care and moral upbringing.

225 The federal Pupil Protection Rights Amendment and the Children's Internet Protection Act should be
226 codified in Texas law.

227 We call upon the legislature to respect and protect parental rights by enacting penalties for violations of
228 parental rights and by requiring a "Parent's Right to Know and Consent" booklet be developed that
229 contains all relevant state and federal laws that relate to education.

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232 Parental Rights of Dependent Adult Children: As long as parents are responsible for an adult child,
233 through college or the age of 26 when children are on the parents' insurance, the parents must have
234 access to medical information, grades, and other information normally afforded to parents of minor
235 children.

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238 Parental Consent: We insist on informed parental consent for all medical care, counseling, etc., for all
239 minors.

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242 (Life-Affirming Health Care Concepts)

243 Conscience Clause: All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and should be protected
244 under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or
245 religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, the prescription for and dispensing of drugs
246 with abortifacient potential, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings, genetic
247 engineering, euthanasia, assisted suicide, harmful futile procedures, vaccines, and the withdrawal of
248 nutrition and hydration. We call on the Texas Legislature to enact additional conscience protections for all
249 healthcare professionals, including medical students, that are all-encompassing, enforceable at the state
250 level, and protect against adverse action and retaliation taken against an individual.

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253 Fetal Tissue Harvesting and Stem Cell Research: We support legislation prohibiting and criminalizing the
254 harvesting, sale, and experimentation or commercial use of human fetal tissue, including for vaccines,
255 which requires or is dependent upon the destruction of human life. We encourage adult stem cell research
256 using cells from umbilical cords, from adults, and from any other means that does not kill human embryos.
257 We also support elimination of public funding for embryonic stem cell research, research on fetal tissue, or
258 human cloning. All products that use embryonic and fetal tissue in their production shall be labeled in the
259 state of Texas so as to inform consumers, promote alternatives, and affirm the value of human life.

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262 Alternatives to Abortion: Until abortion is made illegal in Texas, we urge the Republican Party of Texas to
263 support programs that provide assistance to pregnant women by:

- 264 a. Protecting and increasing funding to Alternatives to Abortion Program.
- 265 b. Ensuring women have medical insurance coverage up to one year postpartum, making it
266 safer for pregnant women to give birth in Texas.
- 267 c. Safeguarding pregnant and parenting college students from discrimination, ensuring access
268 to educational opportunities, benefits, accommodations, and support services.
- 269 d. Utilizing a reformed adoption process.

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272 Discriminatory Abortion: We support legislation such as the Preborn Non-Discrimination Act (Pre-NDA) to
273 close existing discriminatory loopholes that fail to protect preborn children suspected of having a "fetal
274 anomaly" or disability, and we support legislation to enact anti-discriminatory language to apply additional
275 protections to preborn children at risk of being aborted because of their sex, race, disability, or age of
276 gestation, in addition to providing families with information about life-affirming social and medical services
277 available to them in Texas, such as perinatal palliative care.

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280 Planned Parenthood: We support completely eliminating public funding for, or contracts with, Planned
281 Parenthood and any other abortion providers and all their affiliates, and we oppose their digital or physical
282 presence in our schools and other public institutions, as well as the expansion of their facilities in our
283 neighborhoods. We Call For a State Law Prohibiting Governmental Contracts With Abortion Providers and
284 Their Affiliates.

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287 Human Embryos: We support the adoption of human embryos and the banning of human embryo
288 trafficking.

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291 End-of-Life Patient Protection: We support patients' rights, especially near the end of life, and call for
292 reform of existing legislation so that:

- 293 a. Medical personnel may not deny care, change advanced directives, or originate directives
294 for any patient without the informed consent of the patient or the patient's designate.
295 b. The Advance Directives Act is strengthened by requiring hospitals intending or threatening
296 to withdraw life-sustaining treatment against the patient's wishes or their advance directive
297 to continue all treatment and care for such patients pending transfer to another facility.
298 c. The discriminatory rationing of healthcare services premised on any aspect of the patient,
299 including a patient's age, race, sex, disability, or perceived quality of life is prohibited.

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302 Repeal the Anti-Life 10-Day Rule: We support the pro-life priority as a legislative priority, and include
303 therein a call for the Texas Legislature to repeal the unethical, unconstitutional, unprecedented, and anti-
304 life 10-Day Law in Section 166.046, Health and Safety Code (Texas Advance Directives Act) and replace
305 it with a truly life-affirming law that requires physicians to adhere to a patient or surrogate's medical
306 decision about life-sustaining treatment and provides for physicians who disagree with the patient's
307 decision to transfer the patient to another physician or facility that will honor the decision to continue life-
308 sustaining treatment, guaranteeing due process and the right to life for vulnerable Texas patients.

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