CHRISTUS Health is a Catholic health ministry that strives to be a leader, partner, and advocate in the creation of innovative health and wellness solutions that improve the lives of individuals and communities so that all may experience God’s healing presence and love. The communities CHRISTUS serves continue to have the highest rates of uninsured populations in the country and reimbursement for health care services can be challenging and unpredictable. Yet CHRISTUS Health continues to commit significant resources to improving the health of the communities it serves with a special consideration for those who are poor and underserved. In fact, as a percentage of revenue, CHRISTUS Health provides more charity care than any other Catholic health system in the U.S. In fiscal year 2018, in Texas, CHRISTUS provided over $176 million in uncompensated care.

ACCESS TO CARE AND HEALTH EQUITY

✓ Reduce the number of uninsured individuals in Texas
✓ Fund behavioral health care commensurate with need and foster access to behavioral health services in the most appropriate settings
✓ Expand the use of telehealth in Texas to ensure access to specialists in rural areas and hard to reach communities

FINANCING A STRONG SAFETY NET

✓ State funding for health care programs and services
✓ Support locally generated solutions, including Local Provider Participation Funds (LPPF), to generate the necessary non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental payments and increased hospital rates
✓ Ensure funds under the Waiver and beyond are distributed equitably based on the provision of care to Medicaid and low-income beneficiaries by hospital providers
✓ Maintain a dedicated funding source for the state’s trauma network
✓ Fund additional graduate medical education (GME) slots in Texas to train the next generation of Texas physicians

ELIMINATE BARRIERS AND INCREASE TRANSPARENCY

✓ Reform the Medicaid managed care system in Texas to alleviate burdens placed on health care providers and to ensure uniform policies and procedures by Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) across the state
✓ Oversight and transparency of freestanding emergency departments to protect consumers

PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS

✓ Support policies consistent with CHRISTUS’ Catholic identity and oppose proposals that would conflict with the Ethical and Religious Directives that inform CHRISTUS’ mission
WORKFORCE*:
- Associates: 18,026
- Bedside Nurses: 5,134
- Non-Clinical Staff: 5,472
- Medical Staff: 9,549

PATIENTS*:
- Outpatient/Clinic: 3,176,439
- ED Visits: 686,528
- Annual Discharges: 121,363
- Births: 12,155

COMMUNITY BENEFITS*: ($345,931,162)
- Charity Care: $246,045,989
- Unpaid Indigent Care: $56,265,193
- Community Services: $43,619,980

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS*: ($450,798,904)
- DSRIP: $135,713,239
- UC: $229,345,126
- DSH: $76,719,462
- Trauma: $9,021,077

NUMBER OF HOSPITALS*: 28 Hospitals

*As of 1/19