Texas Strategies to
Improve Oversight, Accountability, & Transparency

Health Care Spending Oversight

Health care spending oversight entities monitor and track health care spending systematically, offering data and research support to ensure efficient resource use. While many states set population health priorities, some have established oversight entities with enforcement powers. Strategies tracked include:

Health Care Spending Benchmarks

Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmarks

Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entities

Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

Some states have established independent entities charged with reviewing high-cost prescription drugs and recommending strategies to improve affordability. In certain cases, these boards are authorized to set upper payment limits to curb excessive drug prices. Strategies examined in this section include:

Prescription Drug Affordability Board Established

Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits Established

All-Payer Claims Databases

All-payer claims databases (APCDs) compile diverse health care data that may include health, dental, and pharmacy claims from private insurers, state employee health programs, Medicare, and Medicaid. In instances where a database includes only some of these payers, it is referred to as a multi-payer claims database. Typically created through legislation, APCDs are often subject to state oversight and regulation. However, some claims databases have been voluntarily developed by independent entities, limiting oversight. Strategies examined in this section include:

All-Payer Claims Database Established

All-Payer Claims Database Operated by the State

Price Transparency

This section evaluates state efforts to provide access to health care price data through a publicly available and easily accessible tool. Strategies examined in this section include:

Price Transparency Tool Established

Prescription Drug Price Transparency Tool Established

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All-Payer Claims Database

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)	State has a(n) all-payer or multi-payer claims database	
All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Operated by the State	APCD is operated by the state	

Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB)	The state has not established or passed legislation to establish a prescription drug affordability board	
Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits	The state has not established Upper Payment Limits for prescription drugs	

State Has Active Policy or Program | Policy or Program Partially Implemented | State Does Not Have an Active Policy or Program | * No Source, or Limited Information Found

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Price Transparency

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Service Cost Price Transparency Tool	State has a public-facing price transparency tool that reports negotiated rates	
Prescription Drug Price Reporting Requirement	Organizations are required to report prescription drug price information to a state entity	Drug manufacturers must annually report wholesale acquisition costs (WAC) for approved drugs with a WAC of at least $100 for a 30-day supply to the executive commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, a manufacturer must submit pricing information for price increases of 40% or more over three years or 15% or more over one year.

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Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Health Care Spending Benchmark	State has not established a health care spending benchmark for providers, insurance carriers, or both	
Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmark	State has not established a health care spending benchmark, with or without enforcement mechanisms	
Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entity	State does not monitor and report hospital spending, primary care spending, or both	

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