

Saving Hospitals Saves Lives Applauds HHS For Ending Attack on Healthcare of Vulnerable Texans

On November 20, the Department of Health and Human Services terminated its audit of the State of Texas' Medicaid program. The audit was another attempt by the federal government to implement guidance that would cut Medicaid funding and undermine the healthcare of the poorest Americans. Last year, a bipartisan coalition of Texas senators — led by Senator Bryan Hughes and Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa — joined with Saving Hospital Saves Lives to hold a press conference pushing back on Medicaid cuts from the federal government.

“This is a just and righteous victory for the most vulnerable Texans who depend on Medicaid for life-saving care,” said Bishop James Dixon, leader of the Saving Hospitals Saves Lives coalition. “I want to thank HHS, Texas Senators Bryan Hughes and Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa and all those — on the left and the right — who stood with us in this fight. Putting people over partisanship is a moral obligation and democracy’s higher call. I also extend gratitude to the faith leaders, social justice and healthcare advocates who make our coalition strong and credible. We will continue to stand with anyone who seeks to make our healthcare system fairer and more equitable.”

SHSL Coalition is a nationwide coalition of faith leaders, social justice organizations, providers, and Medicaid advocates committed to advancing the health and well-being of our nation’s vulnerable communities. SHSL Coalition tirelessly advocates against Medicaid policies that threaten the stability of the healthcare safety net. For the members of SHSL Coalition, access to affordable healthcare is a sacred human right that must be protected.