



## CENTRAL HEALTH

### Central Health Taxpayers:

The Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health has a mission to create access to healthcare for those who need it most.

By law, Central Health is required to publish a notice, printed below, the format of which prescribes language that may be confusing to taxpayers. The 2012 fiscal year is the first year that Central Health has proposed a tax rate higher than the tax rate set in the year the District was created (2005). If adopted, this new tax rate may result in an average residence seeing a tax increase of \$15.66, or approximately four cents per day. This is also the first time that Central Health is increasing the tax rate slightly in order to make debt service payments (principal and interest payments) for real estate purchased to expand access to primary care in north central and southeastern Travis County.

The proposed tax may affect you differently depending upon the individual appraised value of your property. The proposed increase in revenue will be used to expand services for the rising demand in healthcare services Central Health is presently striving to meet.

We are committed to the vision that Central Texas is a model healthy community. In support of this vision, since 2005, Central Health has increased access to primary care and related services for eligible residents of Travis County as shown below, based upon the need for basic healthcare services:

- Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program has increased 140% since 2005.
- Primary care visits have increased 60%.
- Central Health paid for more than 280,000 primary care visits last fiscal year.
- Investments in inpatient psychiatric care resulted in an increase of 625% in use of these services since 2007.

In a challenging economy with increasing demand and cost for health care services, we believe the continued expansion of services and our ongoing partnerships among area healthcare organizations is vitally important to the wellbeing of all Travis County residents. To learn more about Central Health, visit us online at [www.centralhealth.net](http://www.centralhealth.net).