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### **Healthcare District's FY10 Budget Receives Approval**

The Travis County Healthcare District's Budget, which includes a property tax rate reduction for Travis County taxpayers, was given final approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Sept. 22. The District's board previously approved the budget on Sept. 10.

This year's budget includes a property tax rate reduction to .0674 cents per \$100 of property valuation, down from .0679 in 2009. This is the fourth consecutive year the District has lowered its property tax rate – an increase to the tax rate has never been proposed since the District's creation in 2004. The total approved budget is \$98,027,945.

The vast majority of the total budget, approximately 88 percent, will be spent on the provision of health care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Travis County. It is anticipated that more than \$5 million in additional healthcare services will be delivered in FY10 as compared to the previous year. Enrollment for the Medical Assistance Program will increase to approximately 17,000 monthly enrollees, from 15,000 in FY09. Additional funds will also provide for the creation of \$3.1 million in new primary contracts with new providers and \$500,000 in contracts for dental services. Mental health funding of \$5.2 million and continued expansion of specialty care services are also included.

The District's 2010 fiscal year begins Oct. 1, 2009.

The complete TCHD FY10 budget is available online at [www.traviscountyhd.org/annual\\_budget.html](http://www.traviscountyhd.org/annual_budget.html).

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