

[Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 119.001 through 119.056.]

§§ 119.001 through 119.056: Texas Health Improvement Network

Sec. 119.001. DEFINITION.

In this chapter, "network" means the Texas Health Improvement Network established under this chapter.

Sec. 119.051. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.

(a) The Texas Health Improvement Network is established to address urgent health care challenges and improve the health care system in this state and the nation and to develop, based on population health research, health care initiatives, policies, and best practices.

(b) The purpose of the network is to:

- (1) reduce the per capita costs of health care;
- (2) improve the individual experience of health care, including the quality of care and patient satisfaction; and
- (3) improve the health of residents of this state.

Sec. 119.052. COMPOSITION OF NETWORK.

The network consists of experts in:

- (1) general public health and other medical fields;
- (2) mental health;
- (3) nursing;
- (4) pharmacy;
- (5) social work;
- (6) health economics;
- (7) health policy and law;
- (8) epidemiology;
- (9) biostatistics;
- (10) health informatics;
- (11) health services research;
- (12) engineering; and
- (13) computer science.

Sec. 119.053. DUTIES.

(a) The network shall establish as its primary goals:

- (1) evaluating and eliminating health disparities in this state, including racial, ethnic, geographic, and income-related or education-related disparities; and
- (2) health care cost containment and the economic analysis of health policy.

(b) The network shall:

- (1) function as an incubator and evaluator of health improvement practices; and
- (2) support local communities in this state by offering leadership training, data analytics, community health assessments, and grant writing support to local communities.

Sec. 119.054. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM.

(a) The network is administratively attached to The University of Texas System.

(b) The University of Texas System shall administer and coordinate the network and provide administrative support to the network as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 119.055. GIFTS AND GRANTS.

The network may accept and administer gifts and grants to fund the network from an individual, corporation, trust, or foundation or the federal government, subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by law.

Sec. 119.056. REPORT.

The network shall report the results of the network's efforts, findings, and activities to the legislature, state and federal partners, and other interested entities.