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Rep. Coleman Statement on Stimulus

(Austin)--The stimulus package provides immediate help for Texas. Texas stands to receive: \$5.8 billion for Health and Human Services, including childcare, Medicaid, food stamps, foster care, adoption and other services.

"This is an opportunity to improve the health insurance status of the uninsured, and improve services to the elderly, disabled, and children in foster care." said Representative Coleman

"Examples of our poor standing in health and human services include having the highest number of people without healthcare coverage of any state, and ranking 48th in our funding for individuals with mental health," said Representative Coleman. *"Texas' Medicaid reimbursement for serving the elderly and disabled in long term care ranks 49th out of 50 states."*

Representative Coleman is available for comment regarding questions about health and human services portion of the stimulus plan and its impact on the budget.

State Representative Garnet F. Coleman (D-Houston) currently chairs the Committee on County Affairs, and serves on the Public Health and Calendars Committees. Additionally, he has been appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding.

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