

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, March 16, 2018

## **Regional Healthcare Partnership 18 (Grayson County) to host stakeholder meeting for the Texas 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program**

(Sherman, Texas) –A stakeholder forum to be held on March 23, 2018, will provide information on the Plan Update being submitted to the State Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) by the end of April, for providers in Grayson County, as part of the counties in Regional Healthcare Partnership 18 (RHP18) to continue participation in the Medicaid Waiver program. This Plan Update modifies the original Plan approved in 2013 by the Texas HHSC and the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This update allows providers to continue services for Medicaid, Low Income and Uninsured adults and children that would not otherwise be available. It expands community based healthcare to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions, readmissions, and use of emergency care.

Collin County is the Anchor for RHP18 that includes Collin, Grayson, and Rockwall counties. Collin County must approve and submit the Plan Update by April 30, 2018. The Plan Update describes the population health outcomes providers must achieve over the next two years (2018 and 2019).

Five of the seven healthcare organizations that have been providing Medicaid Waiver services in RHP18 since 2013, are modifying their programs to comply with new rules. Two providers are expanding services, and two new providers are joining the RHP18 Medicaid Waiver program.

RHP18 received approval in January 2018, from the Texas HHSC to use \$1,318,286 in combined local and federal funds, to expand the Waiver Program. Collin County, as the Anchor for RHP18 has solicited proposals to use these new funds. From a field of eight proposals totaling \$3.6 Million, Collin County reviewed, ranked, and approved four proposals. The available \$1.3 Million have been authorized for use by Helping Hands Rockwall County, a new women's health clinic in Collin County, Texoma Community Center in Grayson County, and Baylor Scott & White Centennial Medical Center primary care clinics in Collin County).

Collin County, as the RHP18 Anchor is responsible for seeking regional stakeholder comments on the Plan Update from interested stakeholders.

A meeting will be held for interested stakeholders to learn about the Grayson County Medicaid Waiver Program planned for 2018 and 2019, at the following time and place.

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

[Grayson County Health Department](#)

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For information about the Waiver 1115 program, please visit the [Texas Health Care Transformation and Quality Improvement Program](#). For questions regarding the stakeholder meeting, please call 214-551-5401