

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Office of Inspector General
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Date: _____

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

As you know, the state of Texas finds itself in the midst of challenging fiscal times, which have led to significant cuts in medical services to qualified patients. In spite of these cuts, the state's contract with the Texas Pregnancy Care Network (TPCN) has not only been renewed, but the amount of funding designated to the Alternatives to Abortion program has been increased.

This increased amount includes a growth in compensation for TPCN employees. In spite of this, there have been no efforts on the part of the state – outside of very minimal inspection – to insure that the TPCN's medically-licensed subcontractors adhere to the rules laid out by the Alternatives to the Abortion guidelines. On the contrary, there is significant evidence that many of the unlicensed subcontractors who receive state funds violate these guidelines on a regular basis (see "A Center of Controversy," *San Antonio Express-News*, January 26, 2011).

This lack of oversight is especially egregious given that these unlicensed subcontractors are reimbursed at rates equal to or higher than the licensed employees and contractors of other agencies. There has been no audit to ensure that the services that subcontractors are reimbursed for are actually provided, or that those services are not in violation of the Federal Charitable Choice Act.

I respectfully request that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General undertake a complete audit of the state's contract with the Texas Pregnancy Care Network, insofar as it relates to excessive administrative expenses, the unlicensed services provided under the terms of this contract, and the possible fraud of subcontractors seeking reimbursements for services not provided, or seeking reimbursements for services provided that violate the Federal Charitable Choice Act.

Sincerely,

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