

Rep. Cuellar Supports Affordable & Quality Healthcare
Creates First CHIP Program & Preserves Patient Access in South Texas

Active / Passed Legislation

Rep. Cuellar is the Original Author of the *Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*.

- While serving in the Texas Legislature, Rep. Cuellar created the first CHIP pilot program.
- The program proved so successful that it served as the basis for Texas' statewide CHIP program, which expanded coverage to hundreds of thousands of children across the state.
- Now as a member of the Appropriation Committee, he ensures the Nationwide CHIP program is funded at appropriate levels annually.
- Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$8,780,000 for Medicaid and CHIP payment and access this year.

Rep. Cuellar Voted YES on the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Obamacare)*.

- Extends health insurance coverage to millions of uninsured Americans.
- Provides consumers with subsidies that lower costs for households with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level.
- Prevents insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions and requires plans to cover a list of essential health benefits.
- Supports innovative medical care delivery methods designed to lower the costs of health care, generally.

Appropriations Committee Provisions

FY22 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$450 million for NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

- An increase of \$15 million from FY21 funding.
- AFRI research, education, and extension grants are awarded to improve rural economies, increase food production, stimulate the bioeconomy, mitigate impacts of climate variability, address water availability issues, ensure food safety and security, enhance human nutrition, and train the next generation of the agricultural workforce.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$105.27 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

- Includes \$452 million for the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program.
- Includes \$448 million for the Commodity Assistance Program.

FY22 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$9,350,000 for Medicaid and CHIP payment and access.

- An increase of \$570,000 from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$3,900,304,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

- An increase of \$2.5 billion from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,830,772,000 for Community Health Centers.

- An increase of \$148 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$6,000,000 for the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Center Program.

- An increase of \$2 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$879,876,000 for Bureau of Health Professions (Title VII & VIII).

- An increase of \$175,879,000 from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$200,782,000 for NIH, National Institute of Nursing Research.

- An increase of \$25,825,000 from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,021,120, 000 for Corporation for National and Community Service.

- An increase of \$178 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$7,000,000 for the National Spina Bifida Program.

FY21 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$435 million for NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

- An increase of \$10 million from FY20 funding.
- AFRI research, education, and extension grants are awarded to improve rural economies, increase food production, stimulate the bioeconomy, mitigate impacts of climate variability, address water availability issues, ensure food safety and security, enhance human nutrition, and train the next generation of the agricultural workforce.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$114 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

- Includes \$448 million for the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program.
- Includes \$426 million for the Commodity Assistance Program.

FY21 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$8,780,000 for Medicaid and CHIP payment and access.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$3,750,304,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

- An increase of \$10 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,650,522,000 for Community Health Centers.

- An increase of \$25 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$4,000,000 for the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Center Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$847,505,000 for Bureau of Health Professions (Title VII & VIII).

- An increase of \$43 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$174,957,000 for NIH, National Institute of Nursing Research.

- An increase of \$5.8 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,154,358,000 for Corporation for National and Community Service.

- An increase of \$50 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$7,000,000 for the National Spina Bifida Program.

FY20 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$425 million for NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

- An increase of \$10 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$67.89 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

- Includes \$445 million for the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program.
- Includes \$344 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

FY20 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$8,780,000 for Medicaid and CHIP payment and access.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$3,740,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

- An increase of \$85 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,625,522,000 for Community Health Centers.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$2,000,000 for the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Center Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$804,505,000 for Bureau of Health Professions (Title VII & VIII).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$169,117,000 for NIH, National Institute of Nursing Research.

- An increase of \$7 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,140,000,000 for Corporation for National and Community Service.

- An increase of \$20 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$6,000,000 for the National Spina Bifida Program.