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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor
State Capitol, Room 2S.1
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Perry:

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 42, requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to report annually on the activities of the Kidney Health Care (KHC) Program. The report covers the activities, expenditures, and accomplishments of the KHC Program for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2006. The report is available on the DSHS website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/reports.shtm.

The KHC Program has provided services to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease since September 1974. During these 33 years, almost 88,000 individuals diagnosed with this chronic disease have been approved for program benefits. The KHC program provides benefits for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, drugs, and transportation services. The Purchased Health Services Unit of the DSHS administers this program.

For more information about the program, please have a member of your staff contact Jean Hanson, Purchased Health Services Unit, at 512/458-7111, ext. 3014 or toll-free at 1-800-222-3986, or e-mail jean.hanson@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lakey MD".

David L. Lakey, M.D.
Commissioner