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The Honorable John Cornyn
Attorney General of Texas Supreme Court Building
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OPINION COMMITTEE

Attention: Opinion Committee

Re: Whether an eligibility and financial assistance policy of the Harris County Hospital District violates any state or federal laws?

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Harris County Hospital District Board of Managers is considering an eligibility policy and financial assistance program authorizing the District to provide discounted, non-emergency healthcare to persons residing within its boundaries, without regard to their immigration or legal status. Free or discounted care is provided as long as a person can establish residence in Harris County and need for financial assistance.

We respectfully are requesting an expedited opinion from your Office regarding this issue. Our memorandum brief is enclosed. If we can provide you with any additional information in order to expedite this request, please contact us.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. FLEMING
County Attorney


By Mercedes Leal
Assistant County Attorney

Encl.