

**RHP 5  
DY 7-8  
DSRIP Proposal Form**

**Performing Provider Name:** McAllen Hospitals dba Edinburg Regional Medical Center (TPI: 094113001)

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**IGT Entity Name Supporting Requested Funds:** Hidalgo County (LPPF) – Dairen Sarmiento,  
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**Estimated Valuation by Waiver Year:**

DY 7 (2017-2018)	Amount: \$2,342,627	IGT: \$1,010,141
DY 8 (2018-2019)	Amount: \$2,342,627	IGT: \$1,010,141
<u>TOTAL REQUEST:</u>	<u>Amount: \$4,685,254</u>	<u>IGT: \$2,020,282</u>

**Proposed System Definition:** McAllen Hospitals LP dba Edinburg Medical is a 613-bed hospital system denominated South Texas Health System in Hidalgo County. Operated entities include McAllen Medical Center, McAllen Heart Hospital, Edinburg Regional Medical Center, & South Texas Behavioral Health Center. The required components for our proposed system definition will include Inpatient Services, Emergency Department, and Maternal Department. Furthermore, will include as optional components, Contracted Primary Care Clinics and Mobile Health Programs.

**Counties Served by Provider:** Hidalgo County

**Medicaid and Low Income or Uninsured Patient Population by Provider (PPP) Estimate:** 84% MLIU

**Identified Community Needs to be Addressed with Requested Funds:** Improve access to pediatric specialty care with a special focus on pediatric endocrinology to address diabetes management and immunizations. Since adding a new pediatric endocrinologist in 2014, the STHS PEDI clinic has seen patient visits increase from 155 in the first reporting period (DY3) to 2,692 visits in DY4 and 7,368 visits in DY5. The total number of visits to this critical specialty clinic have totaled 10,215 during this time period far surpassing the target of 4,605. Due to the clinic's rapid growth, the wait time until the next appointment is greater than 10 weeks. Adding more clinic staff and providers will dramatically improve access to this important service for our pediatric patients.

The need for improved immunizations has been documented in the Texas Health and Human Services "2016 – 2017 Annual Report of Immunization Status." This report shows that throughout the state of Texas, Kindergarten aged children decreased their coverage by 0.2 to 0.4 percentage points compared to the prior year, conscientious exemption rates increased by at least 0.2 percentage points in every vaccine category, and delinquency rates increased by 0.05 to 0.11 percentage points. STHS proposes to make a strong focus on reversing these negative immunization trends and making Hidalgo County a leader among the state for its patient population. Adding metrics related to the improvement of immunization rates also ties in with the future pediatric bundle initiative for DY7 and beyond.

**Outcome Measure(s) Expected to Address Identified Community Needs:**

- Total pediatric specialty visits
- HbA1c > 9%
- Immunization rates (meningococcal vaccine, tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine)

**Anticipated Core Activities Expected to Impact Identified Outcome Measure(s):** In order to increase patient capacity and decrease the existing wait times to be seen in the PEDI and PCC clinics, two new providers need to be added as well as one new registrar and one new medical assistant. A new digital temperature monitoring system will need to be added to abide by new state requirements for continuous monitoring and to ensure that vaccines are not compromised. The PEDI and PCC teams will commit to engaging in community health fairs and educational events to promote efforts around pediatric diabetes management and immunizations.

**Sustainability Efforts:** STHS will continue to collaborate with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to develop a sustainable infrastructure to perpetuate this program in the future.