STATE OF HEALTH CARE IN RURAL TEXAS

15-20% of all jobs in rural communities are in a health care field.

Out of Texas’ 254 counties, 177 are rural.

75% of Texas counties are federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and/or Medically Underserved Area (MUA).

80% of Texas is rural land.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHORTAGES

50% of future doctors who leave Texas to receive medical residency training never return to the Lone Star state.

$150,000 annual training cost per physician.

ACCESS TO CARE

64 Texas counties do not have a hospital.

35 miles between critical access hospitals.

25 counties do not have primary care physicians (PCP’s).

FACT 1: Since 2010, 12 hospitals in rural Texas have closed.

FACT 2: Some Texans have to travel more than 100 miles to reach the nearest hospital.

FACT 3: The first 60 minutes after a trauma or cardiac event could mean the difference between life and death.