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**Statement of Texas Health Care Association (THCA) President Tim Graves
Commenting on State Medicaid Managers' Announcement of New 2% Funding
Cuts to Texas' Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facilities:**

"While we understand state leaders' concern about the challenging budget situation, these new cuts are an ominous development that will jeopardize facilities' ongoing ability to provide quality care to Texas' oldest most vulnerable seniors, and put at risk the key facility jobs that make a key difference in patient outcomes.

"These new cuts, on top of recent \$25.6 million state Medicaid cuts and federal Medicare cuts of over \$1.5 billion over ten years passed as part of health reform – places seniors, caregivers and communities in clear and present danger.

"There will be a vigorous, necessary discussion about budgetary priorities in the legislative session, and we intend to aggressively explain why Medicaid funding adequacy is integral to ensuring lawmakers' local facilities have the resources to keep their doors open, sustain quality care to their oldest constituents, and continue to generate good local jobs."

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Founded in 1950, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) is the largest long term care association in Texas. THCA represents a broad spectrum of long term care providers and professionals offering long term, rehabilitative and specialized health care services. Member facilities, owned by both for-profit and non-profit entities, include nursing facilities, specialized rehabilitation facilities, and assisted living facilities.