



IMPROVE HEALT CARE ACCESS, INCREASE AWARENESS, AND TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR

SICKLE CELL DISEASE in **TEXAS**

HB 2576 will create an exemption for sickle cell patients as it pertains to prescribing and dispensing opioids. This exemption expands the current statutes that exists for cancer and hospice patients. This bill would allow them to benefit from pain management practices used by doctors and specialist across the state.

HB 3405 will establish a sickle cell task force composed of state officials, physicians, a person with sickle cell, or a parent of a child with sickle cell and a hospital representative. This task force will advise the Department of State Health Services on ways to fulfill the recommendations submitted by the previous Advisory Committee.

The State of Texas ranks no.3 as a leading US state in sickle cell disease prevalence

Sickle cell disease, a rare genetic disorder, remains one of the most underfunded blood-related conditions

Sickle cell disease impacts people of all communities. Although not exclusive to African American, it occurs 1 in every 365 African Americans births

According to recent birth statistics, sickle cell trait births are at an incline each year in Texas

The average life expectancy of individuals living with sickle cell disease is 42 for men and 48 for women

There are no standard or universal treatments that cure sickle cell disease

WE, THE FOLLOWING TEXAS ORGANIZATIONS CALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HB 2546 AND HB 3405

(INSERT YOUR COALITION, ALLIANCE NETWORKS, RARE DISEASE PARTNERS, CONSTITUENCY, ECT.)

