

**IF YOU LIVE IN TEXAS...YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE
TO GET THE HEALTH CARE YOU NEED.**



The Texas health care system is in crisis.
An out-of-control lawsuit system is forcing
doctors to drop services or leave the state.

Patients are paying the price.

- In Austin, several neurosurgeons recently limited their services and stopped taking emergency room calls to reduce their malpractice premiums.
– Austin American Statesman, June 17, 2002
- Medical malpractice insurance has skyrocketed throughout Texas and other areas of the country in the past two years as insurance companies try to make up for an increasing number of claims and higher jury awards.
– El Paso Times, February 17, 2002
- Doctors say many of their colleagues are fleeing certain states or certain specialties – or the entire profession – because of higher insurance premiums linked to jury awards.
– Houston Chronicle, July 20, 2002
- “The public health is in jeopardy because we’re going to have decreased access to care.”
– Corpus Cristi family practitioner, Dr. George Benavidez, on the number of specialists closing their practices due to litigation fatigue, Houston Chronicle, March 24, 2002

There’s a bill before Congress that can make a difference!

**Call Rep. Chet Edwards today at 254.752.9600.
Ask him to support H.R. 4600, the HEALTH Act, to make sure
you get the health care you need.**



To learn more about the health care
liability crisis, visit www.hcla.org

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