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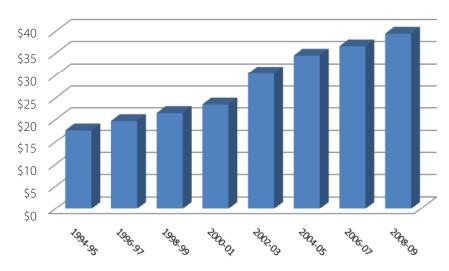
2008-09 Budget Snapshot: Texas Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program

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State spending on health and human services exceeds spending on public education, with Medicaid alone running slightly behind public education as a close second in terms of a single item of spending. The facts and figures below are intended to put Medicaid and the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) spending, and health and human services spending into context when compared to the entire 2008-09 budget. Since Medicaid is an entitlement program, the state's actual spending for this purpose may be even higher than appropriated.

- The total 2008-09 state budget is almost \$168 billion over the two year period. Of the total, health and human services accounts for almost \$53 billion, or just more than 30 percent of the state budget.
- Total Medicaid funding appropriated for 2008-09 is almost \$40 billion, accounting for approximately one quarter of the total budget.

Biennial Medicaid Spending All Funds (in Billions)



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• The health and human services budget (Article II) receives the bulk of federal funding, with a total of \$31 billion going for health and human services out of the roughly \$51 billion of federal money accounted for in the state budget. Medicaid and SCHIP both receive generous matching funds from the federal government, accounting for approxi-

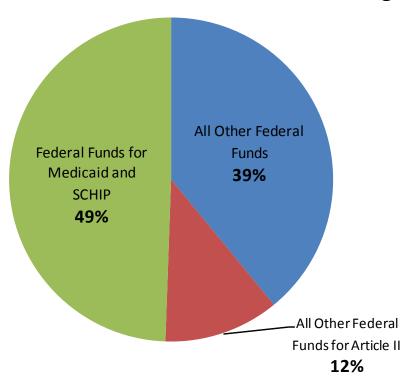
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Combining CHIP and Medicaid results in a total biennial appropriation of almost \$42 billion, or roughly one guarter of the total budget and almost 80 percent of the state

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Distribution of Federal Funds in the State Budget



- In terms of state General Revenue, roughly one fifth of the state's general revenue goes to Medicaid.
- In comparison to the 2006-07 biennium, the Legislative Budget Board estimates that SCHIP appropriations for 2008-09 increased105 percent in All Funds, and 90 percent in General Revenue. For Medicaid, the All Funds increase is just under 9 percent, while the General Revenue appropriation increased roughly 18 percent.

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