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Judge Jenkins' discusses marketplace enrollment efforts with officials in Washington, D.C.

[Washington, D.C.] Judge Jenkins' met with White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, Senior Advisor to the President, Valerie Jarrett, and Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs, David Agnew on Tuesday to discuss health insurance enrollment in Dallas County and North Texas. Judge Jenkins said, "We have a shared challenge to bring affordable healthcare to our DFW citizens. Everyone needs affordable healthcare. The uninsured go to Parkland. You pay more in county taxes to care for the uninsured than for all other services combined."

Judge Jenkins will also meet with officials at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today. The focus will be on synergizing North Texas enrollment efforts. Dallas County will continue to work closely with our regional partners throughout the open enrollment period to ensure that efforts are well coordinated and that everyone is provided the information and assistance they need to enroll in affordable health insurance.

On the visit Judge Jenkins and his family also attended a White House Christmas party and were able to visit with the President and First Lady. Judge Jenkins' eight-year-old daughter, Madeleine, said her favorite part was meeting the President and First Lady and took special note of the festive Christmas decorations.

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