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### **Judge Jenkins Statement on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act**

[Dallas] Today marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Since the implementation of the ACA, over 16.4 million individuals have gained coverage. Over 1.2 million selected a plan or reenrolled in Texas during the last open enrollment period. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area approximately 334,000 citizens selected a plan or reenrolled during the recent period, up from around 194,000 in the first open enrollment. During the recent open enrollment period, consumers in Dallas County had access to over 60 qualified health plans up from 34 in the first enrollment period allowing consumers a greater ability to find the best solution to meet their specific circumstances.

"The evidence shows the Affordable Care Act is working to improve access, affordability and quality. Families, businesses and taxpayers are better off as a result," said Dallas County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins.