



HHS Bulletin B-11-001 (REVISED)
Health and Human Services Enterprise
Business Travel Restriction to Mexico

Purpose

To establish an enterprise-wide restriction regarding health and human services (HHS) employee travel to Mexico on official state business based on the travel warning issued July 12, 2013, by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Directive

HHS employee travel to Mexico on official state business remains suspended.

Summary

The HHS enterprise currently has three agencies with departmental staff that, on occasion, travel to Mexico on official state business: HHSC Border Affairs; DSHS Border Health; and DFPS Child Protective Services. The United States Department of State has advised the American public to defer all non-essential travel along the international border between Texas and Mexico due to the high incidence of crime and violence. Travel into Mexico presents a risk to the personal safety and well-being of HHS employees who, in the past, have traveled to Mexico on official HHS business. Due to the violence and persistent security concerns along the Texas/Mexico border, HHS continues the suspension of travel to Mexico on official state business to reduce the risk of employee injury, abduction, or death.

Bulletin Expiration

This bulletin will not expire until withdrawn by the Executive Commissioner.

Inquiries

Inquiries regarding the content in this bulletin should be directed to Regan Rychetsky, Director, HHS Enterprise Risk Management and Safety, at (512) 706-7288 or Regan.Rychetsky@hhsc.state.tx.us.