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## **Helen Kent Davis receives Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Helen Kent Davis, of Austin, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. This award is given to a person the president recognizes as demonstrating a commitment to protecting and advancing the welfare of patients in Texas.

Kent Davis was honored in 2023 by the Texas Legislature with House Resolution 2328, commending her for 25 years of advocacy on women’s and children’s health issues in Texas. She played an instrumental role in establishing the Children’s Health Coverage Coalition, and over the course of two decades, the organization has become a leading voice for children covered by Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. She also helped found the Texas Women’s Healthcare Coalition, which has worked tirelessly to support women’s health in Texas.

Through her previous work with the Texas Medical Association and her current work as a consultant for TAFP and other organizations, she has conducted health care policy research, development, and advocacy on diverse state and national regulatory and legislative issues. Following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, Kent Davis worked with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop plans to reenroll nearly six million Medicaid recipients.

Throughout her career, Helen has been a vigorous advocate for women’s and children’s health, primary care, behavioral health, and uninsured and underinsured Texans. Her extensive knowledge of policy and legislation is unparalleled, as is her skill in helping advance the health of all Texans, especially the most at-risk.

*The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education, and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. TAFP has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*