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To Texans interested in issues related to an informal dispute resolution process for long-term care facilities, Medicaid quality-based payment systems for those facilities, and allocation of Medicaid beds in those facilities:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Long-Term Care Facilities Council. The council was created under Government Code, Section 531.0581, to:

- Study and make recommendations regarding best practices and protocols to make survey, inspection and informal dispute resolution processes more efficient and less burdensome on long-term care facilities.
- Recommend uniform standards for those processes.
- Study and make recommendation regarding Medicaid quality-based payment systems and a rate-setting methodology for long-term care facilities.
- Study and make recommendations on the allocation of Medicaid beds in long-term care facilities.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the council to serve terms to be determined at the first meeting. Currently, HHSC is seeking a **representative of community-based provider at an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities licensed under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 252.**

A council member must regularly participate in council meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittees, projects and presentations. Council meetings will be held in Austin about once every three months or at the call of the presiding officer. *A member of the Council is not entitled to reimbursement of expenses or to compensation for service on the council.*

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If you would like to serve on the council, please complete and return the attached application and resumé by **Aug. 12**. You may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

Email:

HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov

Attn: LTCFC

Mail:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223

Austin, TX 78711

Attn: Susanna Sparkman

Fax:

512-206-3984

Attn: LTCFC

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the Long-Term Care Facilities Council.

In selecting members to serve on the council, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the council. HHSC tries to choose council members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the council, [visit the council website](#) or contact Laura Gutierrez at LTCFC@hhs.texas.gov.

For more information about applying to be on the Council, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Susanna Sparkman at HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov or call 512-438-2897.