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To Texans interested in Medicaid Managed Care issues:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to advise HHSC on the statewide operation of Medicaid managed care, including program design and benefits, systemic concerns from consumers and providers, efficiency and quality of services, contract requirements, provider network adequacy, trends in claims processing, and other issues as requested by the HHSC Executive Commissioner.

The committee must seek input from providers, managed care organizations, and people who receive Medicaid managed care services on these issues, produce formal recommendations to HHSC on policies and best practices related to Medicaid managed care issues and disseminate Medicaid managed care best practice information as appropriate.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a term expiring Aug. 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Currently, HHSC is seeking representatives to be selected from the following categories:

- Medicaid managed care clients or family members who use mental health services
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers established under the ADRC initiative with responsibilities for the delivery of long-term services and supports or other Medicaid service delivery
- Independent living centers with responsibilities for the delivery of long-term services and supports or other Medicaid service delivery
- Community-based organizations engaged in perinatal services and outreach
- Community-based organizations serving low income children and their families
- Managed care organizations and participating health care providers
- Rural providers
- Primary care providers and specialty care providers (term expires 8/31/22)

A committee member must regularly participate in committee meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held in Austin about once every three months or at the call of the presiding officer. *To the extent permitted by the current state budget, a committee member who receives services from HHSC or is a family member of a client may be repaid for their travel expenses to and from meetings if money is available and in accordance with the HHSC Travel Policy. Other committee members aren't paid to attend or travel to and from committee meetings.*

If you would like to apply to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application by **Sept. 24**. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

Email:

HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov

Attn: SMMCAC

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: SMMCAC

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee.

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

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For more information about the committee, [visit the committee website](#) or contact Office of Policy and Program at OPP_SMMCAC@hhsc.state.tx.us.

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