## Have a question or problem with Texas Health and Human Services?



# The HHS Ombudsman can help!

Toll-free: 877-787-8999

### hhs.texas.gov/ombudsman

Contact us Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



### **Om**·buds·man: a protector or defender of a citizen's rights.

We review your concern when a program's normal complaint process is unable to address the issue.

#### An ombudsman will:

- Make referrals and recommendations as needed.
- Answer your questions about HHS Services.
- Check that our actions are getting you the correct services.
- Coordinate resolution of your complaint.

#### The process:



When you call, you will be asked if you have already talked to someone about your concern. Then, the ombudsman will listen to your complaint or question.

- The ombudsman will research the issue.
- We may contact other experts to help you.
- The ombudsman will follow up with you.

#### The HHS Ombudsman cannot:

- Give legal advice.
- Reverse an HHS program or policy decision.
- Act on personnel or discrimination matters (they will be referred to Human Resources or Civil Rights).



#### **Resources:**

For information on services or help applying for benefits, call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905.

Your Texas Benefits www.YourTexasBenefits.com

Local resources www.211Texas.org

Medicaid Health Plan Help 866-566-8989

Relay Texas / TTY Hotline 7-1-1 or 800-735-2989

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