

Explanation of the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program

What is TxHmL?

The TxHmL program provides essential services and supports to Texans with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition so they can continue to live with their families or in their own homes.

TxHmL services are intended to **supplement rather than replace** the services and supports you may receive from other programs (such as the Texas Health Steps) or from natural supports, including your families, neighbors or community organizations.

What do I need to be eligible for TxHmL?

To be eligible for TxHmL, you must:

- Live in your own or family home.
- Have a diagnosis of ID or a related condition plus an IQ of 75 or below.
- Have mild to extreme deficits in adaptive behavior.
- Be eligible for Medicaid.
- Not require intensive one-to-one supervision to prevent dangerous behavior.
- Have an individual plan of care approved the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).
- Not be enrolled in any another DADS Medicaid waiver program such as the Community Living Assistance and Support services program or the Medically Dependent Children program.

What services does the TxHmL program offer?

TxHmL services and supports are divided into two service categories. Each service category has an annual cost limit called a service category limit. This means that the annual cost of services received within a service category must not exceed the service category limit without DADS approval.

Even with approval, the total cost of your TxHmL services must not be more than \$17,000 per year. This means that the combined yearly cost of all the services within the two service categories must not be more than \$17,000. The services included in each service category, along with the annual service category limits, are listed below.

TxHmL categories and services

Service category: Community Living Supports (annual service category limit is \$13,600)

- Community support
- Day habilitation
- Employment assistance
- Supported employment
- Respite

Service category: Professional and Technical Supports (annual service category limit is \$3,400)

- Skilled nursing
- Behavioral support
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Dietary
- Speech and language pathology
- Audiology
- Minor home modifications*
- Adaptive aids*
- Dental treatment*

* **Minor home modifications** are limited to a lifetime maximum of \$7,500. Once that maximum is reached, \$300 per year may be used for additional modifications or repairs of modifications. **Adaptive aids** are limited to \$6,000 per year. **Dental treatment** is limited to \$1,000 per year.

Does TxHmL offer residential services?

No.

How do I decide what services I need?

A service coordinator who works for the local authority will help you plan your services so you can continue to live in your own home or your family home. The service coordinator helps you or your family set up a service planning team comprising you, your guardian or family members, and other people you choose to help develop a service plan. Together team selects the TxHmL services that you need to achieve your goals. Your plan will identify services and supports you need from the TxHmL program and those you may be getting from other people or programs.

Who provides TxHmL services?

TxHmL program providers are privately and publically owned entities. DADS certifies all TxHmL program providers and monitors the services they provide. You and your representative choose the TxHmL program provider that will provide your services from a list of providers given to you from your service coordinator.

How do I choose a provider?

The DADS contracts with all TxHmL providers and conducts annual surveys to ensure compliance with program rules and guidelines. You can go to the Long term Care Quality Reporting System website at <http://facilityquality.dads.state.tx.us/qrs/public/qrs.do> to check the survey results for all TxHmL providers.

What if I want to change my TxHmL provider?

You or your representative can choose a different program provider at any time. Your services will be transferred to the TxHmL provider you choose and your service coordinator will help you transfer your services

Can I find and hire my own direct service providers?

Yes. The Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option allows you or your representative to direct any or all of your program services. If you choose the CDS option, you will receive support from a consumer directed services agency that will take care of paying your providers and give you training on being an employer. You may also use support consultation if you want additional help with being an employer.

What if I move to a different town in Texas?

If you move to a different town in Texas you can still have the TxHmL program services. Talk with your service coordinator to make arrangements to continue your services.