



Date: August 30, 2023

To: Pediatric Care Facility Service Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2023-34
Pediatric Care Facility Special Reimbursement Class
of Nursing Facilities (NF) Rates
Effective September 1, 2023

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved the payment rates for Pediatric Care Facilities to be effective **September 1, 2023**.

Pediatric Care Facility is a special reimbursement class under NF for institutions that predominantly serve children under 22 years of age. The Pediatric Care Facility rate is per diem and does not vary by acuity level or facility. Currently, the only Texas provider that falls into this class is the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center. The 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 35) provides appropriations for a reimbursement rate increase for this facility type.

HHSC adopted these rates through our regular public hearing process on July 11, 2023. The adopted payment rates, effective September 1, 2023, can be accessed on the [Provider Finance Department \(PFD\) webpage](#).

Claims Submission

Providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. Individual providers require no additional action.

HHSC has updated the claiming system to reflect the new adopted rate. Claims with a service date on or after September 1, 2023, will be processed with the new adopted rate.

Resources

Please contact the HHSC PFD Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) Center for Information and Training at PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov or (737) 867-7817 if you have questions regarding the rates or this letter.

Sincerely,

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