



Date: August 31, 2023

**To: Home-Delivered Meal (HDM) Providers**

**Subject: Information Letter No. 2023-35**  
HDM provided under Title III of the Older Americans Act or Title XX of the Social Security Act, Home and Community-Based Services Adult Mental Health, and STAR+PLUS Rates  
**Effective September 1, 2023**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved the payment rate for HDMs to be effective September 1, 2023.

HDM provides hot, nutritious meals that are delivered to clients' homes. The 2024-25 General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article II, Rider 87 increases the rate for HDM to no less than \$6.46 per meal.

HHSC approved 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 [PFD webpage](#).

## Claims Submission

For Fee-for-Service claims, 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.

For Managed Care claims, providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process in consultation with their managed care organization.

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## **Resources**

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

Sincerely,

*[signature on file]*

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