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To: CLASS – DSA Providers, DAHS Providers, DBMD Providers,
HCS Providers, ICF/IID Providers, NF Providers, PHC Providers,
RC Providers, TxHmL Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2023-40
State Fiscal Year 2024 Awarded Levels for the Attendant Compensation
Rate Enhancement and Direct Care Staff Enhancement Programs
Effective Retroactive to September 1, 2023

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces the publication of the awarded levels for Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) providers participating in the Attendant Compensation and Direct Care Staff Enhancement programs in state fiscal year 2024 for the programs listed below.

Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Programs:

- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) – Direct Service Agency (DSA);
- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS);
- Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver (DBMD);
- Home and Community-based Services (HCS);
- Primary Home Care (PHC), Community Attendant Services (CAS), and Family Care (FC);
- Residential Care (RC);
- Texas Home Living (TxHmL); and
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID).

Direct Care Staff Enhancement Program for:

- Nursing Facilities (NF)

Rate Enhancement Add-on Amounts and Participation Levels

The 88th Texas Legislature appropriated \$4,493,605 in General Revenue and \$7,405,221 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2024 for the Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program in the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act (GAA), House Bill (HB) 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 30(b)). The 2024-2025 GAA, HB 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 30(c)), appropriated \$6,246,285 in General Revenue and \$9,479,424 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2024 to increase the per-level add-on amount to 5 cents per level for individualized skills and socialization services rate enhancement.

For all programs, additional rate enhancement levels awarded above pre-existing levels were limited by available appropriations.

Community Care Providers

For state fiscal year 2024, providers requesting to increase their enhancement participation level were awarded enhancements up to level 32, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose. Participating providers in state fiscal year 2023 who did not submit an Enrollment Contract Amendment, and did not have an imposed limitation, will maintain the previous year's enrollment status.

Table 1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program Information for Community Care Providers.

Category	Services	Unit Type	FY2023 Add-on per unit	FY2024 Add-on per unit	# of Levels	Level Awarded in 2024
Community Care	PHC, CAS, FC,	Hourly	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	35	Level 32
Community Care	CLASS	Hourly	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	35	Level 32
Community Care	DAHS	Hourly	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	35	Level 32
Community Care	DBMD	Hourly	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	35	Level 32
Community Care	RC	Hourly	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	35	Level 32

HCS and TxHmL Providers

For state fiscal year 2024, providers requesting to increase their enhancement participation level were awarded the following enhancements for each participation category:

- HCS/TxHmL individualized skills and socialization – Level 1, with an \$0.05 add-on amount following the day habilitation daily rate to individualized skills and socialization hourly rate conversion, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose;
- HCS Residential – Level 9, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose; and
- HCS/TxHmL non-individualized skills and socialization – Level 9, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose.

Participating providers in state fiscal year 2023 who did not submit an Enrollment Contract Amendment, and did not have an imposed limitation, will maintain the previous year's enrollment status.

Table 2. FY2024 Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program Information for HCS/TxHmL Providers.

Category	Services	Unit Type	FY2023 Add-on per unit*	FY2024 Add-on per unit	# of Levels	Level Awarded in 2024
Individualized Skills and Socialization	Individualized Skills and Socialization Services	Hourly	N/A	\$ 0.05	25	Level 1
Non-Individualized Skills and Socialization	Supported Home Living, Transportation, CFC PAS/HAB, Respite, Employment Assistance, Supported Employment	Hourly	N/A	\$ 0.05	25	Level 9
Residential	Residential Support Services, Supervised Living	Daily	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	25	Level 9

*Effective March 1, 2023, Individualized Skills and Socialization Services replaced Day Habilitation Services in the HCS and TxHmL waiver programs. Individualized skills and socialization and Non-Individualized skills and socialization replaced day habilitation and non-day habilitation rate enhancement categories, beginning in state fiscal year 2024.

ICF/IID Providers

For state fiscal year 2024, providers requesting to increase their enhancement participation level were awarded the following enhancements:

- ICF Day Habilitation – Level 1, with an add-on increase from \$0.10 to \$0.30, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose;
- ICF Residential – Level 9, the highest level within the scope of appropriations for this purpose.

Participating providers in state fiscal year 2023 who did not submit an Enrollment Contract Amendment, and did not have an imposed limitation, will maintain the previous year’s enrollment status.

Table 3. FY2024 Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program Information for ICF/IID Providers.

Category	Services	Unit Type	FY2023 Add-on per unit	FY2024 Add-on per unit	# of Levels	Level Awarded in 2024
Day Habilitation	Day Habilitation Services	Daily	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.30	25	Level 1
Residential	Residential Services	Daily	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	25	Level 9

NF Providers

For state fiscal year 2024, facilities requesting to increase their enhancement participation level were awarded enhancements up to level 1, the highest level of appropriations for this purpose. Participating providers in state fiscal year 2023 who did not submit an Enrollment Contract Amendment, and did not have an imposed limitation, will maintain the previous year’s enrollment status.

Table 4. FY2024 Direct Care Staff Enhancement Program Information.

Category	Services	Unit Type	FY2023 Add-on per unit	FY2024 Add-on per unit	# of Levels	Level Awarded in 2024
NF	NF Services	Daily	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	27	Level 1

FY2024 Enrollment and Awarded Levels List

Providers who participate in these optional programs must be contracted with HHSC. Participating providers in state fiscal year 2023 who did not submit an Enrollment Contract Amendment, and did not have an imposed limitation, will maintain the previous year’s enrollment status. Providers who did not participate in state fiscal year 2023 must have completed an Enrollment Contract Amendment during the open enrollment period between July 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023, for fiscal year 2024. **If a provider did not enroll or roll over their participation for fiscal year 2024, they cannot participate in the program.**

To view the fiscal year 2024 enrollment awarded levels list, [please visit the PFD website](#).

Claims Submission

Awarded enhancement levels will not be entered into the Claims Management System until after your first billing cycle of the new state fiscal year. If your awarded enhancement level is different from your current enhancement level, this will result in retroactive rate adjustments for any September 2023 claims paid before your new level is entered into the system.

The HHSC Provider Finance Department (PFD) is continuously processing new providers, terminations, and changes of ownership. We will continue to update these requests monthly.

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Please contact the HHSC PFD, Long-term Services and Supports, 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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