August 25, 2022

To Texans interested in issues related to an informal dispute resolution process for long-term care facilities, Medicaid quality-based payment systems for those facilities, and allocation of Medicaid beds in those facilities:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Long-Term Care Facilities Council. The council was formed to:

- Study and make recommendations regarding best practices and protocols to make survey, inspection and informal dispute resolution processes more efficient and less burdensome on long-term care facilities.
- Recommend uniform standards for those processes.
- Study and make recommendations regarding Medicaid quality-based payment systems and a rate-setting methodology for long-term care facilities.
- Study and make recommendations on the allocation of Medicaid beds in long-term care facilities.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the council to serve a term expiring Aug. 31, 2025. Currently, HHSC is seeking a representative of for-profit nursing facility providers.

A council member must regularly take part in council meetings and may also have to take part in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Council meetings will be held in Austin about once every three months or at the call of the presiding officer.

Members of the council are not paid to participate in council meetings nor reimbursed for their travel to and from meetings.

If you would like to apply to serve on the council, please complete and return the attached application by Sept. 22. HHSC prefers that you submit your application
electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail or fax at these addresses:

Email:
HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov
Subject: LTCFC

Mail:
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223
Austin, TX 78711
Attn: Susanna Sparkman

Fax:
512-206-3984
Attn: LTCFC

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the Long-Term Care Facilities Council.

In selecting members to serve on the council, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the council. HHSC tries to choose committee members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the council, visit the council website or contact Laura Gutierrez at LTCFC@hhs.texas.gov.

For more information about applying to be on the committee, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Susanna Sparkman at HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov or call 512-438-2897.