

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice – Texas State Plan for Home Health Care and Related Services Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Home Health Care and Related Services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendment is effective October 1, 2021.

The purpose of the amendment is to update Home Health Care and Related Services pages to allow a physician assistant (PA), certified nurse practitioner (CNP), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS), to the extent allowed by Texas state licensure, to certify eligibility for home health services, as well as establish and periodically review the home health plan of care. This proposal aligns with CMS-5531-IFC codified at 42 C.F.R. §440.70. The relevant sections of CMS-5531-IFC adopted permanent federal regulation that is not subject to the Public Health Emergency and went into effect on May 8, 2020 with a retroactive application date of March 1, 2020.

Rate Hearing – No rate hearing will be needed as the rates will not change.

Copy of Proposed Amendment – Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendments by contacting Shae James, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; or by email at Medicaid_ Chip_ SPA_ Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC, (which were formerly the local offices of Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services).

Written Comments – Written comments about the proposed amendment and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

U.S. Mail

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Medical Benefits Office of Policy
Mail Code H-310 P.O. Box 149030
Austin, Texas 78756

Overnight Mail, special Deliver mail, or hand delivery

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Medical Benefits Office of Policy
John H. Winters Building
Mail Code H-310
701 W. 51st St.
Austin, Texas 78751

Fax

Attention: Office of Policy at 512-730-7474

Email

MedicaidBenefitRequest@hhsc.state.tx.us

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