

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment - Adult Mental Health §1915(i) Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) State Plan Benefit

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 21-0053 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved the Adult Mental Health §1915(i) HCBS State Plan benefit through August 31, 2025. The requested effective date for this proposed amendment is October 1, 2021. The proposed amendment is estimated to have no fiscal impact.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to make the following changes to the Quality Improvement Strategy for the benefit:

1. Modification of certain quality measures, as described below
2. Modification of timeframes for monitoring reviews from annual to biennial reviews and including desk reviews in addition to onsite reviews to obtain data for quality monitoring purposes

The amendment proposes to remove the following quality measures:

Number and percent of participants with services delivered in the Individual Recovery Plan (IRP), including the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency specified in the service plan.

Number and percent of enrolled HCBS provider agencies serving HCBS clients (by provider type).

Number and percent of providers that have payment recouped for HCBS services without supporting documentation.

The amendment proposes to replace current quality measures with new measures as follows:

Current measure:

Number and percent of HCBS providers who meet training requirements for delivering HCBS services.

New proposed measure:

Number and percent of HCBS required trainings completed by providers.

Current measure:

Number and/or percent of claims verified through the HHSC compliance audit to have paid in accordance with the participant's IRP.

New proposed measure:

Number and percent of paid claims that reflect only the services listed in accordance with the participant's IRP.

Copy of Proposed Amendment(s).

Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Shae James, State Plan Coordinator/Tribal Liaison, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711 and by e-mail at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (which were formerly the local offices of the Department of Aging and Disability Services).