

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of the amendment is to adjust the payment rate methodology for Primary Home Care attendant base wages. The amendment is proposed in order to implement the requirements of the 2020-21 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 45). The proposed amendment is effective January 1, 2022.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$840,353 for the remainder of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, consisting of \$571,524 in federal funds and \$268,829 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$655,081, consisting of \$418,597 in federal funds and \$236,484 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$873,441, consisting of \$522,929 in federal funds and \$350,512 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Provider Finance website under the proposed effective date at: <http://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing. A rate hearing was held on November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change and the hearing can be found in the October 29, 2021 issue of the Texas Register on page 7454 at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. To obtain a copy of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Holly Freed, State Plan Team Lead, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 428-1932; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. At this time, HHSC is encouraging communications be sent via email. Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC, (which were formerly the local offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services).

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

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