

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice – Texas State Plan 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 proposed amendment is effective January 1, 2022.

The purpose of the amendment is to conform the state plan to Section 210 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260). Section 210 amended section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act), by adding to the definition of medical assistance a new benefit at section 1905(a)(30) for routine patient costs for items and services furnished in connection with participation by Medicaid beneficiaries in qualifying clinical trials, subject to further provisions in a new section 1905(gg). Section 210 also amended sections 1902(a)(10)(A) and 1937(b)(5) of the Act to make coverage of this new benefit mandatory under the state plan with respect to items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2022.

The proposed amendment is estimated to have no fiscal impact.

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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