

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 proposed amendment is effective March 1, 2022.

The purpose of the amendment is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following services:

Chemical Dependency Treatment;

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies;

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services;

Outpatient Hospital Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,756,339 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, consisting of \$1,122,301 in federal funds and \$634,038 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,333,559, consisting of \$1,995,802 in federal funds and \$1,337,757 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,871,363, consisting of \$2,317,785 in federal funds and \$1,553,578 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:
<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearings. A rate hearing was conducted both in person and online on November 19, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the October 29, 2021 issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 7449-7454). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

A rate hearing was also conducted both in person and online on December 13, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the December 3, 2021 issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 8271-8273). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Shaneqwea James, State Plan Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or 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 HHSC, (which were formerly the local offices of the 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
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Attention: Provider Finance Department
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