HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Updated Public Notice: **Texas State Plan Amendment**

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

The propose of the amendment is to change the minimum qualification for service coordinators (also referred to as a case manager in the state plan) to match proposed revisions recommended to state rule. HHSC is amending the minimum hiring qualifications for service coordinators that work for Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) throughout Texas. As well, in accordance with House Bill (H.B.) 4 (87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021), the amendment will permit comprehensive encounters completed by targeted case managers for individuals with intellectual disabilities to be completed via synchronous audio-only or synchronous audio-visual technology. The proposed amendments are effective November 1, 2022.

The proposed amendments are estimated to have no fiscal impact, as they are not expected to affect Medicaid utilization or cost.

Copy of Proposed Amendment(s). To obtain copies of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Shae James, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 438-2264; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposal will also be made available for public review at the local offices of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.