

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Texas State Plan Amendment to implement Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) services for Transportation Services.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 22-0023 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of this amendment is to implement Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) services as required by the 2022-23 General Appropriations Act, H.B. 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, Article II, HHSC, Rider 42. Implementation of ET3 services will allow Medicaid-enrolled emergency medical service providers to be reimbursed for transporting Medicaid beneficiaries to alternative destinations, other than an emergency department, facilitating appropriate treatment in place at the scene, and facilitating appropriate treatment via telemedicine or telehealth. The proposed amendment is effective 9/01/2022.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in a cost savings of \$262,904 for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$173,911 cost savings in federal funds and \$88,993 cost savings in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated cost savings is \$258,382 consisting of \$154,487 cost savings in federal funds and \$103,895 cost savings in state general revenue.

To obtain copies of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Shae James, State Plan Specialist, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 428-2264; 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.