

## 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 June 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:

Physicians; and

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS).

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$57,815 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, consisting of \$38,736 in federal funds and \$19,079 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$219,363 consisting of \$131,333 in federal funds and \$88,030 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$216,698, consisting of \$129,737 in federal funds and \$86,961 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 online on November 19, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing was published in the October 29, 2021 and November 5, 2021 issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 7451, 46 TexReg 7662). Additional information and the notice of hearings can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

A rate hearing will be held both online and in person on May 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. to address additional rate updates proposed to be effective June 1, 2022. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing was published in the April 22, 2022 issue of the *Texas Register* at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> and can be found at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/communications-events/meetings-events/2022/05/16/public-hearing-notice-proposed-medicaid-payment-rates-medicaid-biennial-calendar-fee-reviews-medical>.

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  
Attention: Provider Finance Department  
Mail Code H-400  
P.O. Box 149030  
Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Overnight mail, special delivery mail, or hand delivery

Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Attention: Provider Finance Department  
North Austin Complex  
Mail Code H-400  
4601 W Guadalupe St  
Austin TX, 78751  
Phone number for package delivery: 512-730-7401

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Preferred Communication.

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Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.