

TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is submitting a request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the state plan application for the Adult Mental Health §1915(i) Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) State Plan benefit. CMS has approved the benefit through August 31, 2025. The proposed effective date for the amendment is August 31, 2022. There is not a fiscal impact to the Medicaid State Plan.

To ensure continuity of care for Texas Medicaid clients during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health and Human Service Commission (HHSC) authorized the use of telemedicine, telehealth, and audio-only platforms to deliver a range of services. House Bill (HB) 4 (87th Legislative Session, 2021) requires HHSC to expand services eligible to be delivered via telemedicine, telehealth or other teleservice in any program, benefit, or service HHSC determines to be cost-effective and clinically effective. It also requires HHSC to authorize the use of audio-only delivery of behavioral health services determined by HHSC to be cost-effective and clinically effective and authorizes HHSC to implement audio-only benefits in any program or services if determined by HHSC to be clinically effective and cost-effective.

The 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Home and Community-Based Services Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) includes two service descriptions which speak to face to face service delivery. HHSC is requesting these services, which are Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment and Psychosocial Rehabilitation, continue with telemedicine, telehealth, and audio only service delivery through amending the SPA. In addition to continued flexibilities for these services, HHSC is also requesting an amendment to the face-to-face assessment section by including additional language to ensure program compliance with 42 CFR 441.720(a)(1)(i).

To obtain a free copy of the proposed request to amend the waiver amendment, ask questions, obtain additional information, or submit comments about the amendment, please contact Shaneqwea James by U.S. mail, telephone, fax, or email at the addresses and numbers below. Comments about the proposed waiver amendment request must be submitted to HHSC by **June 1, 2022**.

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