

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: **Texas State Plan Amendment**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 22-0027 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Senate Bill (S.B.) 1921, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, requires the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid reimbursement to qualified public and private providers of behavioral health services. Section 1915(g)(1) of the Social Security Act is currently invoked to limit the providers of targeted case management services to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority (LMHA/LBHA: public providers). The proposed amendment would remove limitations on FFS reimbursement for non-LMHA/non-LBHA (private providers) providers of mental health targeted case management. An amendment to the state plan provisions regarding state plan rehabilitative services is not needed because the state plan currently allows public and private providers to be reimbursed for mental health rehabilitative services. The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2022.

Texas Medicaid already reimburses public providers of targeted case management services through the FFS delivery model. Allowing private providers to also be reimbursed via FFS for these services would likely only shift utilization between the public and private providers. A significant increase in utilization is not anticipated because the LMHA/LBHA already provides these services. Therefore, the fiscal impact for this SPA would likely be insignificant.

Copy of Proposed Amendment – 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.

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: Medical Benefits Office of Policy
Mail Code H-310 P.O. Box 149030
Austin, Texas 78756

Overnight Mail, special Deliver mail, or hand delivery

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Medical Benefits Office of Policy
John H. Winters Building
Mail Code H-310
701 W. 51st St.
Austin, Texas 78751

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Attention: Office of Policy at 512-730-7474

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MedicaidBenefitRequest@hhsc.state.tx.us

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