

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 amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of the amendment is to update the rate methodology and payment rates for Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSA). Provider Finance Department (PFD) staff evaluated the FMSA rate methodology and payment rates as part of the biennial fee review. The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2022.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$8,498 for federal fiscal year 2022, consisting of \$6,038 in federal funds and \$2,460 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$106,601, consisting of \$69,808 in federal funds and \$36,792 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$108,723, consisting of \$69,419 in federal funds and \$39,304 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 <http://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing. A rate hearing was held on May 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change and the hearing can be found in the April 22, 2022 issue of the *Texas Register* on page 2359 at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment(s). Interested parties may obtain additional information or a free copy of the proposed amendments by Kenneth Anzaldua, State Plan Team Lead, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 438-4326; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC (formerly the local offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services).

Written Comments. Written comments and requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

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