HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Revised Public Notice - Texas State Plan 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. This public notice is to correct the effective date, listed as March 1, 2021, on the notice posted to the Texas Register January 20, 2023, which serves the same purpose. The proposed amendment has an updated effective date of March 11, 2021.

The proposed amendment documents coverage of COVID-19 prevention and treatment as benefits in Texas Medicaid, including coverage for conditions that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an additional annual aggregate expenditure of \$406,815,439 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, consisting of \$276,675,180 in federal funds and \$130,140,259 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated additional annual expenditure is \$442,010,076 consisting of \$296,146,751 in federal funds and \$145,863,325 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated additional annual expenditure is \$149,511,157 consisting of \$57,681,404 in federal funds and \$91,829,753 in state general revenue.

Copy of Proposed Amendment – Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendments by contacting Shae James, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment will be made available for review at HHSC local offices.

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

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

Fax

Attention: Office of Policy at 512-438-5835

Email

<u>MedicaidBenefitRequest@hhsc.state.tx.us</u>

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