

## 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 purpose of the amendment is to amend the methodology to establish retention payments for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) under HHSC's spending plan pursuant to section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act.

This methodology for retention payments applies to providers delivering HCBS attendant and nursing services through the provider agency and consumer directed services option in the following state plan services: Community Attendant Services program; Primary Home Care program; day activity and health services; Community first choice (CFC) personal assistance services and CFC habilitation services; 1915(i) Home and Community-Based Services--Adult Mental Health Program; and personal care services.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$146,536,669 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, consisting of \$89,211,524 in federal funds and \$57,325,145 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Provider Finance website at: <http://pfd.hhs.texas.gov>.

**Copy of Proposed Amendment.** Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Kenneth Anzaldua, 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) 438-4326; by facsimile at (512) 323-1905; or by email at [Medicaid\\_Chip\\_SPA\\_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto: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.

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