

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 proposed amendment is effective June 10, 2023, and will end on August 31, 2023.

The purpose of the amendment is to update the payment rates for Nursing Facilities (NF). The amendment will establish a temporary add-on for NFs for miscellaneous costs pursuant to Senate Bill 30, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$19,312,432 for federal fiscal year 2023, consisting of \$12,045,164 in federal funds and \$7,267,268 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rate changes is available on the HHSC Provider Finance Department (PFD) website under the proposed effective date at <http://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

A public rate hearing will be held on July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. The hearing will be held in the HHSC, John H Winters Building, Public Hearing Room 125, First Floor, 701 W. 51st Street, Austin, Texas 78751. This hearing will be conducted both in-person and as an online event. To join the hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, register for the hearing in advance using the following link and webinar ID: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4862721446890562654>; 497-246-403.

Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing will be published in the *Texas Register*. Additional information and the notice of hearings can be found at <https://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 Anzaldúa, 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:

U.S. Mail
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400
P.O. Box 149030
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Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400
North Austin Complex
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Phone number for package delivery: (512) 730-7401

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Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.