

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 proposed amendment is effective June 1, 2023.

The purpose of the amendment is to update the rate methodology and payment rate for Community First Choice (CFC) Personal Attendant Services (PAS) and Habilitation, under the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option, for STAR Kids. The amendment aligns the CFC PAS and Habilitation CDS rate for STAR Kids with the base rate for Personal Care Services – Behavioral Health (PCS-BH) CDS. Provider Finance Department (PFD) staff evaluated the CFC PAS and Habilitation CDS rate methodology and payment rate as part of the biennial fee review process.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$0 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$0 in federal funds and \$0 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$0, consisting of \$0 in federal funds and \$0 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$0, consisting of \$0 in federal funds and \$0 in state general revenue. There is no fiscal impact for the proposed amendment in fee-for-service, as STAR Kids CFC PAS and Habilitation CDS is a part of Managed Care services.

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

A rate hearing will be held on May 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change and the hearing can be found in the April 14, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* on page 1999 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 from 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

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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.