

## 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 Primary Home Care (PHC) and Community Attendant Services (CAS) in support of increasing the base wage for certain personal attendants under Medicaid and other programs administered by HHSC to \$10.60 per hour, in accordance with the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 30(a)). The proposed amendment also revises the initial cost report database to calculate the direct care cost component to be the most recent PHC Medicaid cost report database. The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2023.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate fee-for-service expenditure of \$13,376,972 for federal fiscal year 2023, consisting of \$8,343,218 in federal funds and \$5,033,755 in state general revenue. For federal fiscal year 2024, the estimated annual aggregate fee-for-service expenditure is \$151,268,538, consisting of \$90,988,026 in federal funds and \$60,280,512 in state general revenue. For federal fiscal year 2025, the estimated annual aggregate fee-for-service expenditure is \$147,671,150, consisting of \$88,824,197 in federal funds and \$58,846,953 in state general revenue.

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

A rate hearing was held on July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change and the hearing can be found in the June 16, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* on pages 3342-3343 at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>. Archived recordings of the hearings can be found at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/meetings-events>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment(s). To obtain copies of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Nicole Hotchkiss, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 438-5035; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; 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 HHSC.

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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