

## **TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

Public Notice: Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment - Home and Community-Based Services Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) §1915(i) State Plan Benefit

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number (TN) 23-0024 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Home and Community-Based Services Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) §1915(i) State Plan benefit through August 31, 2025. The requested effective date for this proposed amendment is September 1, 2023.

The proposed amendment updates the Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates based on the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, (Article II, HHSC Rider 30(a) which appropriated funding to increase attendant base wages in the Adult Mental Health §1915(i) HCBS AMH State Plan benefit.

HHSC revised calculations for the overall projected cost of state plan benefit services for state plan year four (9/1/23-8/31/24) and five (9/1/24-8/31/25). The updated projections in the state plan benefit account for rate increases in the following services: assisted living and in-home respite services.

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. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751. Members of the public may attend the rate hearing in person. HHSC will also broadcast the public hearing; the broadcast can be accessed at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>. The broadcast will be archived and accessible on demand at the same website.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,256 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, consisting of \$755 in federal funds and \$501 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$1,348 consisting of \$811 in federal funds and \$537 in state general revenue.

Copy of Proposed Amendment – Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Nicole Hotchkiss, State Plan Coordinator, by mail or telephone at the address and telephone number provided below, or by email. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC.

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. Comments must be submitted to HHSC by July 10, 2023.

#### U.S. Mail

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Persons with disabilities who wish to attend 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.