

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 amendments will be effective September 1, 2023.

The purpose of the amendments is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following services:

Ambulance Services;

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPSDT);

Home Health Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$303,485 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$189,284 in federal funds and \$114,201 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,603,160 consisting of \$2,180,993 in federal funds and \$1,422,167 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,564,968 consisting of \$2,144,328 in federal funds and \$1,420,640 in state general revenue. These modifications are to comply with House Bill 1 (H.B.1) Riders 31(a), 31(b), 33, and 34, 88th Legislature, Regular Session 2023.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes will be made available on the HHSC Provider Finance website under the proposed effective date at: <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing.

A Rate Hearing was conducted in person and online on July 11, 2023. Information about the proposed rate changes and hearings were published in the June 23, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 3428-3429). Additional information and the notice of hearings can be found at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Archived recordings of the hearings will be found at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/meetings-events>.

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 Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin,

Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by e-mail at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC, (which were formerly the local offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services).

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:

U.S. Mail

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Preferred Communication.

For quickest response, please use e-mail or phone, if possible, for communication with HHSC related to this state plan amendment.