

## 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:

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS);

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services;

Home Health Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,519,774 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$947,883 in federal funds and \$571,891 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate savings is (\$166,595) consisting of (\$100,840) in federal funds and (\$65,755) in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate savings is (\$163,700) consisting of (\$98,466) in federal funds and (\$65,234) in state general revenue.

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 May 19, 2023. Information about the proposed rate changes and hearings was published in the April 21, 2023, issue of the Texas Register (48 TexReg 2159). 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 can be found at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/meet-ings-events>.

Additional hearings may be scheduled to receive additional commentary. Notice of any hearings will be published in the Texas Register as well as on the HHSC Meetings and Events website.

**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, PO 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 the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

**Written Comments.** Written comments 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.