

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 July 1, 2023.

The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the coverage of certain services like durable medical equipment and drugs for renal dialysis services as payable outside of the current composite rate due to new and/or expensive technology and high cost drugs.

The proposed amendment for renal dialysis services is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$46,297 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$27,718 in federal funds and \$18,579 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$164,841 consisting of \$99,152 in federal funds and \$65,689 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$185,496 consisting of \$111,576 in federal funds and \$73,920 in state general revenue.

Rate Hearing. The details for the hearing will be published at a later date for the alternative payment methodology. Information about the rate hearing and rates will be published in the Texas Register at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

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. Copies of the proposal will also be made available for public review at the local 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:

U.S. Mail
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Provider Finance Department
Mail Code H-400
P.O. Box 149030
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North Austin Complex
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Preferred Communication.

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

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.