

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Change in Composition to the Drug Utilization Review Board

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 23-0040 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The proposed amendment requires a change in composition to the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB). Changes include one additional managed care organization (MCO) representative, which will raise the number of MCO representatives from 2 to 3, as well as allowing MCO representatives to vote on changes. The proposed amendment implements House Bill 3286, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. This change increases the total number of DURB members from 18 to 19. Texas covers travel expenses for DURB members and adding one more member may increase travel costs. The proposed amendment is effective March 1, 2024.

Texas covers travel expenses for DURB members and adding one more member will increase travel costs. The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an additional annual expenditure of \$6,667 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, consisting of \$1,667 in federal funds and \$5,000 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated additional annual expenditure is \$6,667 consisting of \$1,667 in federal funds and \$5,000 in state general revenue.

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; 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 Access and Eligibility Services for local benefit offices.