

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 October 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:

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services; and
Physicians and Other Practitioners

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$29,562 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, consisting of \$17,891 in federal funds and \$11,671 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$31,912 consisting of \$19,307 in federal funds and \$12,605 in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$31,571 consisting of \$19,100 in federal funds and \$12,471 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 will be conducted online in September or October 2023, to address these updates. Once available, information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing will be published in a subsequent issue of the Texas Register at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> and the HHS Meetings & Events webpage 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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For quickest response please use e-mail or phone, if possible, for communication with HHSC related to this state plan amendment.