

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Texas State Plan Amendment to implement updates to Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECCs).

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 24-0005 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of this amendment is to implement updates to Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECCs) to align with Regulatory Licensing updates as required by House Bill (H.B.) 3550, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. Implementation of updates to PPECC transportation documentation and staffing requirements will require the PPECC recipient's ordering physician to indicate the recipient is stable to receive transportation services and the type of provider who must accompany the recipient on the transport vehicle. Implementation of updates will also allow the PPECC recipient's parent or legal guardian to state if transportation services are needed. Apart from HB 3550, the proposed amendment will implement updates to the nursing director and alternate nursing director qualifications as well as implement general clean-up. The proposed amendment is effective 9/1/2024.

The proposed amendment is estimated to have no fiscal impact, as it is not expected to have an effect on Medicaid utilization or cost.

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. Copies of the proposal will also be made available for public review at the local offices of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.