

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit Transmittal Number 24-0006 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to implement state statutory requirements in House Bill (H.B.) 1575, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 related to expanding the types of providers who can provide Case Management for Children and Pregnant Women (CPW) services. The two new provider types are doulas and community health workers.

Additionally, the 88th Legislature modified the eligible postpartum period in H.B. 12 to require continued medical assistance to eligible pregnant women for 12 months. This amendment includes conforming changes made by TN 23-0028 implementing H.B. 12. Other non-substantive updates have been done to formatting and language.

The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2024.

The proposed amendment is estimated to have no fiscal impact. The addition of new provider types, doulas and community health workers, as eligible Medicaid providers case management services is not expected to increase Medicaid utilization or cost because HHSC already reimburses the existing CPW providers at the same rate for the same services provided by licensed nurses and social workers. Eligible pregnant recipients must continue to qualify by having a high-risk condition.

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. The Access and Eligibility Services for local benefit offices will post and have copies of the amendment available for review.