

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Amendment to the Texas State Plan for CMS Measures Reporting

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 24-0032 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed effective date of the amendment is December 31, 2024.

The purpose of this amendment is to assure HHSC compliance with the mandatory reporting of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Child Core Set and the behavioral health measures of the Adult Core Set as per Sections 1139A(a)(4)(B) and 1139B(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act respectively, beginning in 2024, and annually reporting in subsequent years, on all measures on the Child Core Set and the behavioral health measures in the Adult Core Set as identified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The proposed amendment is estimated to have no fiscal impact.

Updates to Title 42 CFR Parts 433, 437, and 457, effective January 1, 2024, made federal reporting of certain CMS Core Measure Sets, including the Child Core Set and behavioral health measures of the Adult Core Set, a mandatory requirement. HHSC has been voluntarily submitting these measures to CMS since 2014. The costs for annually calculating and submitting the measure sets to CMS have been included in the contract with the External Quality Review Organization since 2013.

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 this notice for 30 days and will have copies of the amendment available for review.