

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/live-archived-meetings>. For the live stream, select the "North Austin Complex Live" tab. A recording of the hearing will be archived and accessible on demand at the same website under the "Archived" tab. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code section 32.0282, which requires public notice of and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

Any updates to the hearing details will be posted on the HHSC website at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/meetings-events>.

Proposal. The effective date of the proposed payment rates for the topic presented during the rate hearing will be as follows:

Effective November 1, 2024

Special Review:

-Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) - Demand Response Transportation Services

Methodology and Justification. The proposed payment rates were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code:

Section 355.8085 - Reimbursement Methodology for Physicians and Other Practitioners;

Section 355.8441 - Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps) and the THSteps Comprehensive Care Program (CCP); and

Section 355.8561 - Reimbursement Methodology for Medical Transportation.

Rate Hearing Packet. A briefing packet describing the proposed payment rates will be made available at <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets> on or before October 29, 2024. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the briefing packet on or after that date by contacting Provider Finance by telephone at (512) 730-7401; by fax at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail at PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov.

Written Comments. Written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov. In addition, written comments may be sent by overnight mail to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, North Austin Complex, 4601 Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas 78751.

Preferred Communication. For quickest response please use e-mail or phone, if possible, for communication with HHSC related to this rate hearing.

Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendments

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 are effective November 1, 2024.

The purpose of this amendment is to update the fee schedules and rate methodologies in the current state plan by adjusting a fee-for-service reimbursement rate and implementing a new fee-for-service rate for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Services.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an increase to annual aggregate expenditure of \$72,803 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025, consisting of \$43,689 in federal funds and \$29,114 in state general revenue. For FFY 2026, the estimated result is an increase to annual aggregate expenditure of \$88,534, consisting of \$52,979 in federal funds and \$35,555 in state general revenue. For FFY 2027, the estimated result is an increase to annual aggregate expenditure of \$89,719, consisting of \$53,679 in federal funds and \$36,040 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes will be made available on the HHSC Provider Finance website before the proposed effective date at: <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearings.

A rate hearing will be conducted online and in person on November 12, 2024. Once available, information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing will be published in the *Texas Register* at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

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. Once submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval, copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the HHSC Access and Eligibility Services for local benefit offices.

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

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Attention: Provider Finance Department

Mail Code H-400

P.O. Box 149030

Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Overnight mail, special delivery mail, or hand delivery

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Attention: Provider Finance Department

North Austin Complex

Mail Code H-400

4601 W. Guadalupe St.

Austin, Texas 78751

Phone number for package delivery: (512) 730-7401

Fax

Attention: Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475

Email

PFDacuteCare@hhs.texas.gov

Preferred Communication.

For quickest response, please use e-mail or phone, if possible, for communication with HHSC related to this state plan amendment.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

2025 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Single Family Persons with Disabilities Set-Aside Notice of Funding Availability

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) announces a NOFA of approximately \$2,328,618 in HOME funds for single-family housing programs under the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) set-aside under a Reservation System. These funds will be made available to HOME Reservation System Participants with a current Reservation System Participation (RSP) Agreement. Funds will be available beginning **Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** Austin local time.

The availability and use of these funds are subject to the HOME rules including, but not limited to the following Texas Administrative Code (TAC) rules in effect at the time of contract execution: Title 10, Part 1, Chapter 1, Administration; Chapter 2, Enforcement; Chapter 20, the Single Family Programs Umbrella Rule; Chapter 21, the Minimum Energy Efficiency Requirements for Single Family Construction Activities; Chapter 23, the Single Family HOME Program (State HOME Rules), and Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2306. Other federal and state regulations include but are not limited to: 24 CFR Part 58 for environmental requirements, 2 CFR Part 200 for Uniform Administrative Requirements, 24 CFR §135.38 for Section 3 requirements, 24 CFR Part 5, Subpart A for fair housing, (Federal HOME Rules), and for units of government, the Uniform Grant and Contract Management requirements as outlined in Chapter 783 in the Texas Local Government (UGMS or TxGMS, as applicable). Applicants must familiarize themselves with all of the applicable state and federal rules that govern the HOME Program.

Eligible Activities

Homeowner Reconstruction Assistance (HRA). HRA provides funds for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction of a single-family residence owned and occupied by eligible low-income Households. Specific program guidelines can be found at 10 TAC Chapter 23, Single Family HOME Program, Subchapter C, Homeowner Reconstruction Assistance Program, §§23.30 - 23.32.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). TBRA provides rental subsidies to eligible low-income Households. Assistance may include

rental, security, and utility deposits. Specific program guidelines can be found at 10 TAC Chapter 23, Single Family HOME Program, Subchapter F, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, §§23.50 - 23.52.

Eligible Applicants include Units of General Local Government, non-profit organizations, Public Housing Authorities, Local Mental Health Authorities, and Councils of Government. Funds may not be used in a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ).

Additional Information

The NOFA is available on the Department's website at <https://www.td-hca.texas.gov/notices-funding-availability-nofas>.

All Application materials are available on the Department's website at <https://www.td-hca.texas.gov/home-applying-funding-page>.

For questions regarding this NOFA, please contact the Single Family and Homeless Programs Division via email at HOME@td-hca.texas.gov.

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Notice of Public Comment Period on the Second Amendment of the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was originally allocated \$132,969,147 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act, which is called the HOME-ARP Program. The draft Second Amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan reflects updated programming of funds for activities due to a reduction of \$3,808,153 due to a HUD allocation error and a reallocation of \$4,317,058 from areas in Texas that did not program their HOME-ARP funds

This notice contains information on the draft Second Amendment to the HOME-ARP Plan that was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on October 10, 2024, and dates for a 15-day public comment period on the amendment. The public comment period will be held from Monday, October 14, 2024, to 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on Monday, October 28, 2024. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on October 28, 2024, will not be accepted. The draft Amendment can be found on TDHCA's website at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/tdhca-public-comment-center>.

Written comments may be submitted, in hard copy or electronic formats to Naomi Cantu, HOME-ARP Director, at naomi.cantu@td-hca.texas.gov or by mail at Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Questions or requests for additional information may be directed to Naomi Cantu by calling (737) 247-1088 or using the e-mail listed above.

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