

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Revised Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) would like to revise the previously posted notice of intent to submit amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This revised notice updates the proposed effective date to June 1, 2025.

The purpose of the amendment is to specify that High-Cost Clinician Administered Drugs and Biologics (HCCADs), Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) devices, and Donor Human Milk Services will be reimbursed outside the all-patient refined diagnosis-related group (APR-DRG) inpatient reimbursement and filed on a separate outpatient claim. The non-risk payment will be paid at the lesser of billed charges or the fee-for-service reimbursement amount with the fee schedule acting as the upper-payment limit.

The proposed amendment for High-Cost Clinician Administered Drugs and Biologics (HCCADs) is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$13,713,511 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025, consisting of \$8,228,107 in federal funds and \$5,485,404 in state general revenue. For FFY 2026 the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$13,713,511 consisting of \$8,204,794 in federal funds and \$5,508,717 in state general revenue

Rule Hearing.

A hearing was conducted online on December 3, 2024. The notice for the rule hearing was published on the Nov. 22, 2024, issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 9425) Additional information and notice of hearings can be found at <https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml>

Copy of Proposed Amendment(s). 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) 438-5035; 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:

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Texas Health and Human Services Commission
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