



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives Providers
Community Living Assistance and Support Services Providers
Medically Dependent Children Program Providers
Primary Home Care Program Providers
Community Assistance Services Providers
Family Care Providers
Consumer Directed Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter No. 10-152
Electronic Visit Verification Pilot

On December 8, 2010, the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) announced the tentative award of a contract to Sandata Technologies to pilot use of an electronic visit verification (EVV) system in DADS Region 9. DADS is piloting use of an EVV system to verify that individuals are receiving services for which the state is being billed. The EVV pilot is also expected to ease provider administrative burden. The pilot is scheduled to be fully operational in Region 9 by March 1, 2011.

The EVV Pilot will be mandatory for the following services:

- personal assistance services and in-home respite services in the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Program;
- residential habilitation and in-home respite services in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Program;
- in-home respite services and adjunct services in the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP);
- the Primary Home Care Program (PHC) as described in 40 TAC §47.3(20);
- community attendant services (CAS) program as described in §47.3(3), and
- family care services program as described in §47.3(11).

The pilot also requires implementation of EVV in the Consumer Directed Services option for the aforementioned programs.

DADS is implementing new rules to govern EVV system operations. DADS proposed new 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 68, Electronic Visit Verification to the DADS Council on November 17, 2010. DADS also proposed amendments to 40 TAC Chapter 41 to incorporate EVV system operations in relation to the CDS option. These rules are scheduled to be effective January 1, 2011. At this time, the rules will only impact providers in DADS Region 9.

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As the next step to the implementation of the EVV pilot, you will be contacted shortly by Sandata Technologies (www.sandata.com). Sandata will be gathering key information to support implementation and training activities, including information regarding your agency's computer set up and current scheduling and billing processes. They will also share details regarding upcoming EVV information and training sessions as well as training materials. Thank you in advance for your participation in this data collection process.

Please monitor the EVV website at: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/evv/> for further updates. This EVV webpage will be the primary source of information regarding the EVV initiative and will be updated regularly.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact the Community Services Policy line at (512) 438-3015.

Sincerely,

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