



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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To: Community Care for the Aged and Disabled (CCAD) Residential Care (RC) Providers
Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Assisted Living (AL) Providers
Community Based Alternative Personal Care 3 (PC3) Services Providers

Subject: **Information Letter No. 14-01**
Rate Changes for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)
Effective January 1, 2014

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the CCAD RC program, CBA AL services and CBA PC3 services. The payment rates are effective January 1, 2014.

The facility cost area rates for the CCAD RC program and CBA AL services, and the non-direct care costs area for CBA PC3 services are being decreased to reflect the most recent increase in Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in accordance with the rate setting methodologies. The methodologies require that when SSI is increased, the per diem reimbursement be decreased by an amount equal to that increase.

The proposed rates were determined in accordance with the rate reimbursement setting methodology at Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) §355.509(c)(2) for the CCAD RC program, 1 TAC §355.503(c)(2)(B) for CBA AL services, and 1 TAC §355.503(c)(2)(D) for CBA PC3 services.

The CCAD RC, CBA AL and CBA PC3 rates can be accessed at:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/long-term-svcs/rc/index.shtml>

Claims Submission

Providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. Since the electronic payment system was updated with the new rates, a retroactive adjustment has occurred allowing the new rate for claims beginning January 1, 2014; therefore, no additional action is required by individual providers.

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If you have questions regarding the payment rates, please contact Luis Morales at luis.morales@hhsc.state.tx.us or (512) 707-6084. If you have questions regarding the CCAD RC program, CBA AL services or CBA PC3 services, please contact the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) program specialist at CBA@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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