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To: Home and Community-based Waiver(HCS) and  
Texas Home Living Waiver(TxHmL) Respite and Day Habilitation  
service providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2021-52  
Payment Rates for HCS and TxHmL  
Effective March 1, 2022

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved payment rates for HCS and TxHmL to ensure compliance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements. The payment rate will be effective March 1, 2022.

HHSC adopted amendments to Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) Sections 355.112 and 355.723 to ensure compliance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, which requires all states to implement the use of EVV. EVV is a computer-based system that verifies the provision of a service and electronically documents information about each service visit. This information may include the name of the individual who received the service, the service provider's name, the date and time the service begins and ends, and the location at which the service was provided. Section 1903(l) was added to the Social Security Act under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and requires that EVV be used for all Medicaid personal care services requiring an in-home visit by a service provider.

The adopted amendments establish separate service codes for in-home and out-of-home day habilitation and respite. Separated service codes allow HHSC to compare service claims for in-home day habilitation and in-home respite with the information in the EVV aggregator regarding the provision of those services. Further, the adopted amendments establish multiple service codes for out-of-home respite based on where the service is provided to allow HHSC to collect appropriate service cost and claims information.

HHSC approved these rates for the new bill codes through our regular rate hearing process on July 14, 2021. The rates will be effective on March 1, 2022, to coincide

with the transition of HCS and TxHmL claims processing to the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership.

The approved HCS payment rate, effective March 1, 2022, can be accessed at:  
<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/home-and-community-based-services-hcs>

The approved TxHmL payment rate, effective March 1, 2022, can be accessed at:  
<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/texas-home-living-txhtml>

## **Claims Submission**

Providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. Individual providers require no additional action.

## **Resources**

Please contact the HHSC Provider Finance Long-term Services and Supports Customer Information Team at [PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov) or (512) 424-6637 if you have questions regarding the rates or this letter.

Sincerely,

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