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 amendments are proposed to be effective September 1, 2020.

The purpose of the amendments is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following services:

- Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC);
- Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS);
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT);
- Physicians and Other Practitioners; and
- Vision Care.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an annual aggregate savings of $3,090 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020, consisting of $2,073 in federal funds and $1,017 in state general revenue. For FFY 2021, the estimated annual aggregate savings is $39,311, consisting of $24,298 in federal funds and $15,013 in state general revenue. For FFY 2021, the estimated annual aggregate saving is $41,252, consisting of $25,349 in federal funds and $15,903 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Rate Analysis website under the proposed effective date at: http://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets.

**Rate Hearing.** A rate hearing was conducted on May 27, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate changes, and the hearing can be found in the May 8, 2020, issue of the *Texas Register* (45 TexReg 3165). These can be found at http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml.

**Copy of Proposed Amendments.** Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendments by contacting Cynthia Henderson, State Plan Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 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. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC, which were formerly the local offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

**Written Comments.** Written comments about the proposed amendments 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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