

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendments

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 proposed amendments are effective March 1, 2021.

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/Hospital Based Ambulatory Surgical Centers;
Birthing Center Facility Services;
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services;
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS);
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPSDT);
Home Health Services;
Outpatient Hospital Services; and
Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$912,484 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, consisting of \$606,437 in federal funds and \$306,047 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$675,286, consisting of \$410,574 in federal funds and \$264,712 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$707,279, consisting of \$430,026 in federal funds and \$277,253 in state general revenue.

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

Rate Hearing. A rate hearing was conducted online on November 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the following issues of the *Texas Register*: October 23, 2020, at pages 7637 - 7642, and October 30, 2020, at page 7748. The notices 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:

U.S. Mail Texas Health and Human Services Commission Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400 P.O. Box 149030 Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Overnight mail, special delivery mail, or hand delivery Texas Health and Human Services Commission Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400 Brown-Heatly Building 4900 North Lamar Blvd Austin, Texas 78751 Phone number for package delivery: (512) 730-7401

Fax Attention: Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475

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Preferred Communication. During the current state of disaster due to COVID-19, physical forms of communication are checked with less frequency than during normal business operations. For quickest response, and to help curb the possible transmission of infection, please use e-mail or phone, if possible, for communication with HHSC related to these amendments.

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