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To Texans interested in Medicaid Managed Care issues:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to advise HHSC on the statewide operation of Medicaid managed care, including program design and benefits, systemic concerns from consumers and providers, efficiency and quality of services, contract requirements, provider network adequacy, trends in claims processing, and other issues as requested by the HHSC Executive Commissioner.

The committee must seek input from providers, managed care organizations, and people who receive Medicaid managed care services on these issues, produce formal recommendations to HHSC on policies and best practices related to Medicaid managed care issues and disseminate Medicaid managed care best practice information as appropriate.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a term expiring Aug. 31, 2025. Currently, HHSC is seeking representatives to be selected from the following categories:

- Medicaid managed care clients who have low income or their family member
- Medicaid managed care clients age 21 or older who have an intellectual, developmental, or physical disability, including a person with autism spectrum disorder, or their family member
- Family members of a child who is a Medicaid recipient (except for a child with special health care needs which is listed below)
- Family members of a child with special health care needs who is a Medicaid recipient
- Medicaid managed care clients age 65 or older or their family member
- People who are age 21 or older and are dually enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, or their family member
- Medicaid managed care clients who use mental health services, or their family members

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- Medicaid managed care clients who use non-emergency medical transportation services, or their family member
- Advocates representing Medicaid managed care clients who have low income
- Advocates representing Medicaid managed care clients age 21 or older with an intellectual, developmental, or physical disability, including a person with autism spectrum disorder
- Advocates representing children who are Medicaid managed care clients (except for a child with special health care needs which is listed below)
- Advocates representing children with special health care needs who are Medicaid managed care clients
- Advocates representing Medicaid managed care clients age 65 or older
- Advocates representing people age 21 or older who are dually enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare
- Advocates representing Medicaid managed care clients who use mental health services
- Advocates representing Medicaid managed care clients who use non-emergency medical transportation services

A committee member must regularly take part in committee meetings and may also have to take part in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations.

Committee meetings will be held in Austin about once every three months or at the call of the presiding officer. *To the extent permitted by the current state budget, a committee member who receives services from HHSC or is a family member of a client may be repaid for their travel expenses to and from meetings if money is available and in accordance with the HHSC Travel Policy. Other committee members aren't paid to attend or travel to and from committee meetings.*

If you would like to apply to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application by **July 6**. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

Email:

HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov

Subject: SMMCAC

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Mail:
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223
Austin, TX 78711
Attn: Susanna Sparkman

Fax:
512-206-3984
Attn: SMMCAC

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee.

In selecting members to serve on the committee, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the committee. HHSC tries to choose committee members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the committee, [visit the committee website](#) or contact Office of Policy & Program at OPP_SMMCAC@hhsc.state.tx.us.

For more information about applying to be on the committee, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Susanna Sparkman at HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov or call 512-438-2897.