

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2021.

The purpose of the amendment 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;

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services;

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies;

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services;

Home Health Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$535,406 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, consisting of \$364,129 in federal funds and \$171,276 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$6,241,447, consisting of \$3,891,542 in federal funds and \$2,349,905 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$6,093,771, consisting of \$3,705,013 in federal funds and \$2,388,758 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:

<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearings. A rate hearing was conducted online on May 25, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the

May 7, 2021 issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 3057-3063). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

A rate hearing was also conducted online on July 12, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the July 2, 2021 issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 4045-4046). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Holly Freed, 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](mailto:Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us). Copies of the proposed amendment 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 amendment 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

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