

## 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 purpose of the amendment is to adjust the payment rate methodology for the pediatric care facility special reimbursement class of nursing facilities. The proposed methodology will be based upon the unadjusted federal per diem rate for rural Medicare skilled nursing facilities for the most recent federal fiscal year. As part of this amendment, language about the performance-based add-on payment methodology for nursing facilities will be repealed because it is no longer applicable, and this language will be replaced with the pediatric care facility reimbursement methodology. The amendment is proposed in order to implement the requirements of the 2022-23 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill (S.B.) 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 40). The proposed amendment is effective September 1, 2021.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$154,408 for the remainder of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, consisting of \$105,013 in federal funds and \$49,395 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$1,861,396, consisting of \$1,160,580 in federal funds and \$700,816 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$1,961,000, consisting of \$1,192,288 in federal funds and \$768,712 in state general revenue.

**Rate Hearing.** A rate hearing was held on July 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change and the hearing can be found in the July 2, 2021 issue of the Texas Register on page 4045 at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

**Copy of Proposed Amendment.** To obtain a copy of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Holly Freed, State Plan Team Lead, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 428-1932; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by email at [Medicaid\\_Chip\\_SPA\\_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us). At this time, HHSC is encouraging communications be sent via email. 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 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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