

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMISSION  
PROVIDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Notice of Proposed Adjustments to SHARS Medicaid  
Reimbursement Rates**

**Adjustments are proposed to be effective October  
1, 2024**

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS**

**To Be Effective October 1, 2024**

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed adjustments to the SHARS Medicaid Reimbursement Rates. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) intends to make the proposed adjustments to the SHARS program effective October 1, 2024.

### **Hearing**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing on July 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m., to receive public comments on proposed Medicaid Payment Rates to School and Health Related Services (SHARS) reimbursement methodology.

This hearing will be conducted as an online event. To join the hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, register for the hearing in advance using the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3902433289070570846>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Instructions for dialing-in by phone will be provided after you register.

A recording of the hearing will be archived and accessible on demand at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings> under the "Archived" tab. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code section 32.0282, which requires public notice of and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

Any updates to the hearing details will be posted on the HHSC website at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/meetings-events>.

### **Background**

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions of the Texas SHARS Program. Proposed rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies

that conform to all applicable state statutes, rules, and other requirements. HHSC must ensure compliance with all regulations as outlined in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM), and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

## **Methodology**

The proposed payment rates were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code:

- Section §355.8443, Reimbursement Methodology for School and Related Services (SHARS)

## **Proposed Rate Adjustments**

- Removal of the UD Group modifier for Personal Care Services (PCS) code T1019 in SHARS
- Replace the current Physician Services code (99499) with screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter (T1023)

## **Written Comments**

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to [ProviderFinanceSHARS@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:ProviderFinanceSHARS@hhs.texas.gov). In addition, written comments may be sent by overnight mail to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, North Austin Complex, 4601 Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas 78751.

The public rate hearing briefing packet presents the proposed payment rates and is posted by the proposed effective date on the HHSC website at

<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>. Proposed rates may or may not be adopted, depending on HHSC management decision after review of public comments and additional information. Provider and public notification about SHARS Rates are published on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at <https://www.tmhp.com>, as well as the SHARS-PFD website at <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services-shars>.

### **Preferred Communication**

For quickest response, please use e-mail or phone for communication with HHSC related to this rate hearing.

Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7400 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

SHARS Rate Adjustments (Proposed to be effective October 1, 2024)

TOS*	Procedure Code	Long Description	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Age Range	Non-Facility (N)/ Facility (F)	Provider Type/ Provider Specialty	CURRENT		10/1/2024		Percent Change from Current Medicaid Fee
								Current Medicaid Fee	Current Adjusted Medicaid Fee	Proposed Medicaid Fee	Proposed Adjusted Medicaid Fee	
1	T1019	Personal Care Services, per 15 minutes	U5	UD	0-20	N	SHARS	\$2.05	\$2.05	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	-100.00%
1	T1019	Personal Care Services, per 15 minutes	U6	UD	0-20	N	SHARS	\$2.05	\$2.05	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	-100.00%
	**	Medical Services - Physician			0-20	N	SHARS	\$13.97	\$13.97	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	-100.00%
1	T1023	Screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter			0-20	N	SHARS	Not Currently a SHARS Benefit	Not Currently a SHARS Benefit	\$54.23	\$54.23	100.00%

*Type of Service (TOS)	
1	Medical Services
Modifier	
U5	Personal care services in school
U6	Personal care services on bus
UD	Personal care services, group
Provider Type	
13	SHARS

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