

SHARS OIG Audit Notice of Repayment – Update

For all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that submitted a School Health and Related Services (SHARS) cost report for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FFY2011):

A Dec. 10, 2024 [GovDelivery notice](#) was sent about an audit of the random moment time study (RMTS) methodology used in the SHARS program that was conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (DHHS OIG). The notice outlined the next steps for repayment for LEAs that submitted a SHARS cost report for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FFY2011). Specific amounts owed by each affected LEA were communicated separately via email, and a physical letter was sent out to each LEA in early January.

Updates and Next Steps

For LEAs that have not paid back the amount or set up a payment plan, *all LEAs will automatically default to the offset of future claims payments option, beginning Jan. 24, 2025, to pay the amount owed. At the end of the 12-month recoupment period the LEA must pay the remaining balance, if any, in full.*

If an LEA does not want to offset future claims payments to recoup the amount owed, the LEA must select an alternate payment option from the following:

- Pay in full via check or certified mail.
- Establish a payment plan with HHSC.

LEAs will have until **Jan. 24, 2025**, to establish a payment plan with HHSC. If an LEA does not contact HHSC to establish a payment plan by the deadline, HHSC will default the LEA to offset future claims payments.

Paying by Check

- Provide LEA name, National Provider Identifier (NPI), and Tax ID when submitting payment. **Omitting this information may delay payment processing.**
- Mail the check to:

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership

Attention: Accounts Receivable

P.O. Box 202948

Austin, Texas 78720-2948

Paying by Certified Mail

- Mail the check to, if sending by certified mail:

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership
Attention: Accounts Receivable
12365-A Riata Trace Parkway, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78727

Payment Plan

- If interested in a payment plan, [email the SHARS staff](#) indicating an intent to establish one and the details of the payment plan.

If you have questions about this notice, contact the HHSC SHARS staff at (512) 730-7400 or [email us](#).