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**THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT MAY IMPACT THE PROVIDER'S FEDERAL FUNDING. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR BUSINESS OFFICE.**

On June 15, 2011, Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) conducted a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rates effective October 1, 2011. After consideration expressed by providers and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), HHSC has finalized the proposed rates as follows:

The reimbursement methodology Targeted Case Management (TCM) for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program are based on the proposed reimbursement rule 1 TAC §355.8421. The rate methodology is a 15-minute unit of service that is a prospective and uniform statewide rate for both a face-to-face and telephone case management visit. The rate is \$32.91 for a face-to-face visit and \$26.39 for a telephone contact per 15-minute unit of service.

The reimbursement methodology Specialized Skills Training (SST) for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program is based on the proposed reimbursement rule 1 TAC §355.8422. The rate methodology is a 15-minute unit of service that is a prospective and uniform statewide rate for SST on an individual and group basis. The rate is \$31.63 on an individual basis and \$7.91 on a group basis per 15-minute unit of service.

The proposed rule TAC §355.8421 and §355.8422, section (d) requires all providers delivering services to Medicaid-eligible individuals who are eligible for services in the Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECI) submit an annual cost report to HHSC. The cost report for the service period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012 will be due on March 30, 2013.

If you have questions regarding Early Childhood Intervention cost reporting requirements or payment rate information, please contact HHSC Rate Analyst at (512) 491-1329 or email at [tafi@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:tafi@hhsc.state.tx.us).

If you have questions regarding Early Childhood Intervention program, policy or billing, please contact DARS-ECI at (512) 424-6750.

Additional information regarding cost report training and payment rate information can be found on the HHSC, Rate Analysis Department (RAD) website at:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/acute-care/eci/index.shtml>