

Rider 143. Reporting Requirement: COVID-19 Funding to Nursing Facilities and Hospitals. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid Contracts and Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall develop a report detailing the total value and uses of COVID-19-related Federal Funds, including Provider Relief Funds, provided directly to nursing facilities and hospitals contracting with HHSC since the beginning of the public health emergency. The report should include any temporary rate increases provided to nursing facilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any facilities that do not provide information requested by the commission necessary to complete the report shall be identified in the report. The first submission of the report shall also include a description of any requirements implemented for nursing facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost to nursing facilities to implement the requirements, and recommendations on whether or not the requirements should be continued after the end of the public health emergency. HHSC shall submit the report to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and any appropriate standing committee in the Legislature on December 1st and June 1st of each fiscal year. The format and content of the report shall be specified by the Legislative Budget Board and posted on the HHSC website. Appropriations in Strategy A.2.4, Nursing Facility Payments, for fiscal year 2023 are contingent on the submission of the reports due December 1, 2021 and June 1, 2022.