TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT

Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for:
Medical Procedures and Devices,
Miscellaneous Durable Medical Equipment,
Neurostimulators, Obstetric Services,
Physician-Administered Drugs and Biologicals,
Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Services,
and Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals.

Payment rates are proposed to be effective January 1, 2011.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective January 1, 2011

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for Medical Procedures and Devices, Miscellaneous Durable Medical Equipment, Neurostimulators, Obstetric Services, Physician-Administered Drugs and Biologicals, Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Services, and Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals Providers that are proposed to be effective January 1, 2011.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. The proposed rates were calculated in accordance with the reimbursement methodology rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC):

- §355.8021, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment and expendable supplies in home health services,

- §355.8081, which addresses payments for laboratory and x-ray services, radiation therapy, physical therapists' services, physician services, podiatry services, chiropractic services, optometric services, ambulance services, dentists' services, psychologists' services, licensed psychological associates' services, maternity clinic services, and tuberculosis clinic services;

- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners;

- §355.8093, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physician assistants,

- §355.8221, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists, and

- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment and expendable supplies in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps).

In addition, the proposed rates will be reduced by one percent in accordance with direction from state leadership. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office informed HHSC in a letter dated May 17, 2010, of their revision to the Spending Reduction Plan for the 2010-2011 Biennium submitted by HHSC in response to the January 15, 2010, letter from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker requesting a spending reduction proposal. The result of this revision is that the reimbursements for these services provided on or after September 1, 2010, are reduced by one percent.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rates on November 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lone Star Conference Room in Building H of the Braker Center, at 11209 Metric Boulevard, Austin, TX 78758-4021, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Metric Boulevard. HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 and 1 TAC §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

PROPOSED RATES

Proposed payment rates are listed in attachments below.

Attachment 1 - Medical Procedures and Devices,
Attachment 2 - Miscellaneous Durable Medical Equipment,
Attachment 3 - Neurostimulators,
Attachment 4 - Obstetric Services,
Attachment 5 - Physician-Administered Drugs and Biologicals,
Attachment 6 - Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Services
Attachment 7 - Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals

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