

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMISSION  
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Notice of Proposed Adjustments to Fees, Rates or  
Charges for Medicaid Biennial Calendar Fee Review  
of Indian Health Services**

**Adjustments are proposed to be effective  
January 1, 2019**

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS**

**To Be Effective January 1, 2019**

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed adjustments to Medicaid payment rates for the Medicaid Biennial Calendar Fee Review of Indian Health Services. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) intends to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act to update the fee schedules to reflect these proposed adjustments. The rates are proposed to be effective January 1, 2019.

### **Hearing**

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed adjustments to Medicaid rates detailed in this document on November 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room in the Brown-Heatly Building at 4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Lamar Boulevard. HHSC will consider all concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing will be held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 which requires a public hearing on proposed payment rate adjustments. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

Rate Analysis for Acute Care Services  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
E-mail: [RADAcuteCare@hsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RADAcuteCare@hsc.state.tx.us)

HHSC will broadcast the public hearing; the broadcast can be accessed at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>. The broadcast will be archived and can be accessed on demand at the same website.

### **Background**

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Proposed rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid State Plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. HHSC reviews the Medicaid reimbursement rates for all acute care services every two years. These biennial reviews result in rates that are increased, decreased, or remain the

same. The reviews are conducted to ensure that rates continue to be based on established rate methodologies.

### **Methodology**

The specific administrative rule that governs the establishment of the fees in this proposal were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.8620, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for services provided in Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities.

### **Proposed Rate Adjustments**

Indian Health reimbursement rates are set annually by the Department of Health and Human Services and were published in the Federal Register on February 6, 2019 (Vol. 84, No. 25, Page 2241).

Specific proposed payment rate adjustments are listed in the attachments outlined below:

Att 1 - Indian Health Services

### **Written Comments**

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rate adjustments will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5:00 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: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Rate Analysis at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to [RADAcuteCare@hpsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RADAcuteCare@hpsc.state.tx.us). In addition, written comments will be accepted by overnight mail or hand delivery to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400, Brown-Heatly Building, 4900 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78751.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and required auxiliary aids or services were advised to contact Rate Analysis at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours in advance, so appropriate arrangements could be made.

This public rate hearing briefing packet presents proposed payment rates and is distributed at HHSC public rate hearings and posted by the proposed

effective date on the HHSC website at <http://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>. Proposed rates may or may not be adopted, depending on HHSC management decisions after review of public comments and additional information. Provider and public notification about adoption decisions are published on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at <http://www.tmhp.com> in banner messages, bulletins, notices, and updates to the Texas Medicaid fee schedules. The fee schedules are available in static files or online lookup at <http://public.tmhp.com/FeeSchedules>.

Calendar Fee Review (CFR) Attachment 1 - Indian Health Services - (Proposed to be effective January 1, 2019)

TOS*	Procedure Code	Modifier	Long Description	Age Range	Non-Facility (N)/Facility (F)	Provider Type	CURRENT		1/1/2019		Percent Change from Current Medicaid Fee
							Current Medicaid Fee	Current Adjusted Medicaid Fee	Proposed Medicaid Fee	Proposed Adjusted Medicaid Fee	
1	T1015		Clinic visit/encounter, all inclusive	0-999	N/F	69	\$427.00	\$427.00	\$455.00	\$455.00	6.56%

*Type of Service (TOS)	
1	Medical Services

Provider Type	
69	Indian Health Services

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