

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendments

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendments are effective April 1, 2020.

The purpose of the amendments is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following:

Ambulance Services;

Ambulatory Surgical Centers;

Birthing Center Facility Services;

Case Management Services;

Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Certified Family Nurse Practitioners;

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Anesthesiologist Assistants;

Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility Services;

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services;

Community First Choice Services;

Community Attendant Services;

Day Activity and Health Services;

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS);

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPSDT);

Family Planning Services;

Federally Qualified Health Centers;

Graduate Medical Education;

Hearing Aids and Audiometric Evaluations;

Home Health Services;
Hospice Services;
Indian Health Services;
Inpatient Hospital Services;
Intermediate Care Facility Services;
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Services;
Licensed Professional Counselor Services;
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Services;
Medical Transportation;
Nursing Facility Services;
Outpatient Hospital Services;
Personal Care Services;
Physicians and Other Practitioners;
Physician Assistants;
Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers;
Primary Home Care services;
Private Duty Nursing Services;
Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly services;
Rehabilitative Services;
Renal Dialysis Facilities;
Rural Health Clinics; and
Vision Care Services.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$2,786,424 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020, consisting of \$1,696,653 in federal funds and \$1,089,770 in state general revenue. For FFY

2021, the estimated result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$5,634,706, consisting of \$3,482,812 in federal funds and \$2,151,894 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$5,697,251, consisting of \$3,521,471 in federal funds and \$2,175,780 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Rate Analysis website under the proposed effective date at: <http://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing. HHSC will conduct a public hearing for the proposed rate changes. Due to the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted online only; no physical entry to the hearing will be permitted. For information on the date, time, and how to access the hearing, please continue to monitor the HHSC website at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/meetings-events>. Once available, information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing will also be published in a subsequent issue of the *Texas Register* at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendments. Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendments by contacting Cynthia Henderson, State Plan Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by e-mail at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. At this time, HHSC is encouraging communications be sent via e-mail.

Written Comments. Written comments about the proposed amendments and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, fax, or email. Due to the declared state of disaster, please submit comments and requests via e-mail, if feasible.

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