

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
PROVIDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Proposed Rate Actions for FY 2020-21 Quarter 4 Biennial Fee  
Review**

Proposed rates to be effective September 1, 2021.

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES** **Effective September 1, 2021**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 2021.

Due to the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted online only. To register for the online hearing, use the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1792567207796862733>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You may also dial in to the hearing at (562) 247-8422, access code 688-125-053.

HHSC will archive the public hearing and it can be accessed on demand after the hearing at the following link: <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communicationsevents/live-archived-meetings>.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed during the hearing prior to final rate approval. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code §32.0282, which requires public notice of and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

### **PROPOSED RATES**

As part of the biennial fee review, which include existing services with rates that are reviewed at least once every two years, HHSC is proposing rate ceilings for Emergency Response Services (ERS), and rates for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Habilitative Specialized Services (IHSS). The ERS rate ceilings and PASRR IHSS rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2021.

The proposed payment rates are listed in the attachment outlined below:

- Attachment 1- ERS and PASRR IHSS Rates for FY2020-21 Q4 Biennial Fee Review

### **METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION**

The proposed payment rates for these topics are guided by the following sections in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code: §355.510, related to the Reimbursement Methodology for Emergency Response Services (ERS); §355.315 related to the Reimbursement Methodology for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Specialized Services; and §355.9090, related to the Reimbursement Methodology for Community First Choice.

*Contact the HHSC Provider Finance Department's Center for Information and Training by phone at (512) 424-6637 or by email at [pf-dtss@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:pf-dtss@hhs.texas.gov) if you have any questions regarding the information in this document.*

**Attachment 1: Proposed Rates for the FY 2020-21 Quarter 4 Biennial Fee Review (Effective September 1, 2021)**

<b>Proposed Service</b>	<b>Current Service</b>	<b>Program(s)</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Current Unit</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Unit</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>
Emergency Response Services: Landline	Emergency Response Services	CCAD	\$29.76	Ceiling per month	\$29.95	Ceiling per month	0.64%
Emergency Response Services: Cellular					\$39.95	Ceiling per month	34.24%
Emergency Response Services CFC: Landline	Emergency Response Services CFC	CLASS, DBMD, HCS, TxHmL, STAR+PLUS, STAR+PLUS HCBS	\$29.76	Ceiling per month	\$29.95	Ceiling per month	0.64%
Emergency Response Services CFC: Cellular					\$39.95	Ceiling per month	34.24%
Behavioral Support	N/A	PASRR IHSS	N/A	N/A	\$86.37	1 hour	N/A
Day Habilitation			N/A	N/A	\$57.39	1 day	N/A
Employment Assistance			N/A	N/A	\$29.66	1 hour	N/A
Independent Living / Skills Training			N/A	N/A	\$22.75	1 hour	N/A
Supported Employment			N/A	N/A	\$29.15	1 hour	N/A