

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

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed State Fiscal Year 2024 Interim  
Reimbursement Rates for Small and Large State-Operated  
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual  
Disability (ICFs/IIDs), Effective Retroactive to September 1, 2023.**

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RATE ACTIONS**

This document contains information relating to the proposed state fiscal year 2024 Medicaid interim reimbursement rates for Small and Large State-operated Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability (ICFs/IIDs). The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is proposing these interim rates to ensure there are adequate funds to serve the individuals in these facilities. The proposed Medicaid interim payment rates are to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2023.

### **Hearing**

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on proposed payment rates on April 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT).

The public hearing will be held at the following meeting site:

HHSC North Austin Complex Building

Public Hearing Room 1.401

4601 W. Guadalupe St.

Austin, Texas 78751.

This hearing will be conducted both in-person and as an online event. To join the hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, register for the hearing in advance using the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6639895083090518357>

Webinar ID: 719-140-579

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Instructions for dialing in by phone will be provided after you register.

The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code Section 32.0282, which requires public notice of hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements. HHSC will consider feedback shared during the hearing before final rate approval. If you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

HHSC Provider Finance Department (PFD), Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS)

Email: [PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov)

HHSC will archive the recorded public hearing. The recording can be accessed on-demand after the hearing at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>.

## **Background**

There are currently thirteen SSLCs and four Bond Homes in operation. All are reimbursed on a statewide uniform interim daily rate per person served. Interim reimbursement rates for SSLCs and Bond Homes are required to allow for the availability of adequate funds to serve individuals residing in these facilities and do not vary by level of need. These amended proposed interim rates account for actual and projected increases in costs to operate these facilities.

## **Methodology**

The proposed payment rates were determined in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 355.456, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for ICFs/IIDs.

## **Proposed Rate Adjustments**

HHSC proposes the following interim per diem reimbursement rates for small and large state-operated ICFs/IIDs to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2023:

- Bond Homes – Medicaid-only clients:  
Proposed interim daily rate: \$919.74
- Large State-Operated ICFs/IIDs – Medicaid-only clients:  
Proposed interim daily rate: \$1,305.78
- Large State-Operated ICFs/IIDs – Dual-eligible Medicaid/Medicare clients:  
Proposed interim daily rate: \$1,256.51

## **Written Comments**

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted

instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475; or by email to [PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov). In addition, written comments may be sent by overnight mail or hand delivered to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, North Austin Complex, 4601 W. Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78751.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact the HHSC PFD by calling (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **Preferred Communication**

Contact the HHSC PFD by phone at (737) 867-7817 or by email at [PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov) if you have any questions regarding the information in this document.