

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

**Proposed Payment Rate for
Pediatric Long-term Care Facility Reimbursement**

Payment rate is proposed to be effective September 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATE Effective Date September 1, 2021

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on July 12, 2021.

Due to the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted online only. Physical entry to the hearing will not be permitted. 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/825080537950819086>,
webinar ID: 330-844-035. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing. You can also dial in using your phone at (415) 655-0060, access code: 451-527-012.

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 RATE

HHSC proposes to increase the per diem rate for Pediatric Long-term Care Facilities to \$383.08, effective September 1, 2021.

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The rate increase is proposed in order to comply with the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill (S.B.) 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, (Article II, HHSC, Rider 40), which requires a rate methodology revision for pediatric long-term care facilities to mirror Medicare rates. HHSC intends to revise the rate methodology published in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, §355.307, relating to Reimbursement Setting Methodology, in accordance with Rider 40 so that the rate for all facilities in this special reimbursement class of nursing facilities will be based upon the unadjusted federal per diem rate for rural Medicare skilled nursing facilities for the most recent federal fiscal year. HHSC also intends to propose a new rule as part of this methodological revision.

Rider 40 appropriates funds for state fiscal year 2022-23 to support the rate increases for Pediatric Long-Term Care facilities.

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 if you have any questions regarding the information in this document.