

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

**Notice of Proposed Adjustments to Fees, Rates, or
Charges for Medical Policy Fee Review of the
following:**

TOS 5 COVID-19

**Adjustments are proposed to be effective
May 12, 2023**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS

To Be Effective May 12, 2023

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed adjustments to Medicaid payment for the Policy Fee Review of TOS 5 COVID-19. 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 May 12, 2023.

Hearing

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a hearing to receive public comment on proposed Medicaid payment rates detailed in this document on April 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM. 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.

This hearing will be conducted as an online event.

Please register for HHSC Public Rate Hearing for Medicaid Reimbursement Rates on April 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM CDT at:

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3589142833223606105>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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:

Provider Finance Acute Care Services
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
E-mail: PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov

A recording of the webinar will be archived and can be accessed on demand

at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>.

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 rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other practitioners; and
- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps); and
- Section 355.8610, Reimbursement methodology for Clinical Laboratory Services.

Proposed Rate Adjustments

A summary of the methodologies used to determine the proposed fee-for-service Medicaid rates is listed below:

- Procedure codes and descriptions used in the Texas Medicaid Program are national standard code sets as required by federal laws; Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- For items or services covered under a Medicare fee schedule, a percentage of the Medicare fee is used in accordance with applicable sections of the Texas Administrative Code and Texas State Plan.

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

Special Review Attachment B(1) - TOS 5 - COVID-19 (proposed to be effective May 12, 2023)

Written Comments

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rate adjustments will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5 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: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance Department at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov. In addition, written comments will be accepted by overnight mail or hand delivery to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400, North Austin Complex, 4601 W Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas 78751.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance Department at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours in advance for appropriate arrangements.

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 <https://pfd.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>.

Preferred Communication. For quickest response please use e-mail or phone if possible for communication with HHSC related to this rate hearing.

Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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TOS*	Procedure Code	Long Description	Modifier	Age Range	Non-Facility (N)/Facility (F)	CURRENT				5/12/2023				Percent Change from Current - Adjusted Non-State Clinical Lab Fee	Percent Change from Current - Adjusted Sole Community Lab Fee	Percent Change from Current - DSHS Clinical Lab Fee	Percent Change from Current - Rural Hospital and Sole Community Fee
						Current Non-State Clinical Lab Fee	Current Sole Community Lab Fee	Current DSHS Clinical Lab Fee	Current Rural Hospital Rural Sole Community Fee	Proposed Non-State Clinical Lab Fee	Proposed Sole Community Lab Fee	Proposed DSHS Clinical Lab Fee	Proposed Rural Hospital and Sole Community Fee				
5	86318	**		0-999	N/F	\$18.09	\$24.78	\$19.54	\$24.78	\$15.20	\$24.78	\$19.54	\$24.78	-15.98%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5	86318	**	QW	0-999	N/F	\$18.09	\$24.78	\$19.54	\$24.78	\$15.20	\$24.78	\$19.54	\$24.78	-15.98%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

*Type of Service (TOS)	
5	Laboratory

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