

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

**Proposed payment rates for Nurse Aide Training and Competency
Evaluation Program (NATCEP)**

Effective September 1, 2023.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS

This document contains information relating to proposed payment rates for Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP), effective September 1, 2023.

Hearing

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct an in-person public hearing to receive comments on proposed payment rates at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2023.

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

HHSC John H Winters Building
Public Hearing Room 125, First Floor
701 W. 51st Street
Austin, TX 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:

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2214045213189178454>

Webinar ID: 844-109-835

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, Long-term Services and Supports

Email: 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](https://hhs.texas.gov/communications-events/live-archived-meetings).

Background

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Proposed rates are calculated using 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 specific Long-term Services and Supports 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 bounds this proposal were calculated following Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

- Section 355.307, concerning Reimbursement Setting Methodology

Proposed Rate Adjustments

Proposed rate adjustments are in Attachment 1.

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. the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to 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. 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 HHSC Provider Finance Department by calling (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Preferred Communication

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

Table 1. Proposed Rates for Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP)

Service Description	Proposed Rate	Unit	Bill code
Training Course	\$250.00	ceiling	N0700
Skills Test - Passed	\$90.00	celing	N0701
Skills Test - Failed	\$90.00	celing	N0702
Written Test - Passed	\$45.00	celing	N0703
Written Test - Failed	\$45.00	celing	N0704
Oral Test - Passed	\$58.00	celing	N0705
Oral Test- Failed	\$58.00	celing	N0706
Training Materials	\$10.00	celing	N0707
Incomplete Training Course	\$250.00	celing	N0708

Bill codes provided in this rate sheet align with the billing matrices posted on the HHSC website as of 02-23-2023.

Long-term Care Bill Code Crosswalk:

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/long-term-care-bill-code-crosswalks>