

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

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed State Fiscal Year 2024 Interim
Reimbursement Rates for the State Veterans Nursing Homes,
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 State Veteran Nursing Homes. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is proposing these interim rates so the facilities will have 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 at 9:00 a.m. (CST) on February 27, 2024.

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

HHSC John H. Winters Building
Public Hearing Room 125W, First Floor
701 W. 51st St.
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 and to register for the hearing in advance, use the following link:

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4637742681436282965>

Webinar ID: 155-196-875

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

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

HHSC maintains a program so Medicaid-eligible veterans can reside in State Veteran's Nursing Homes. Currently, eight homes are in operation, overseen by the Veterans Land Board (VLB). The VLB is authorized to operate these nursing facilities under Chapter 164, Natural Resources Code. The VLB determines rates for the Texas State Veterans Homes ([VLB-determined rates](#)). However, HHSC is responsible for setting the Medicaid rates paid to these homes through our rate-setting process.

Methodology

The specific administrative rule that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 355.311, concerning Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for State Veterans Homes.

Proposed Rate Adjustments

Specific proposed payment rate adjustments are listed in Attachment 1: State Veterans Homes Interim Payment Rates

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. (CST) 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. In addition, written comments may be sent by overnight mail or hand delivered to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance

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

Attachment 1: State Veterans Homes Interim Payment Rates

Facility	Contract Number	SFY2023 Interim Rate Effective	SFY2024 Interim Rate Requested
Amarillo	1015095	\$ 147.00	\$ 149.80
Big Spring	1003133	\$ 147.00	\$ 149.80
Bonham	1003135	\$ 147.00	\$ 149.80
El Paso	1013393	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00
Floresville	1003040	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00
Houston	1030787	\$ 258.00	\$ 260.80
McAllen	1013394	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00
Temple	1003109	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00
Tyler	1019998	\$ 244.00	\$ 246.80