

FY 2020 ECA Open Enrollment Runs through July 31

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces Open Enrollment for the:

- **Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program for Community Care, Home and Community-based Services, Texas Home Living, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions**
- **Direct Care Staffing Compensation Program for Nursing Facility (NF)**

This enrollment pertains only to providers contracted with HHSC as described in Title 1, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.112 and §355.308.

Providers who are contracted directly with a Managed Care Organization (MCO) will continue to enroll for rate enhancement through that MCO and may not enroll through the process discussed below.

Providers who choose to participate in this optional program receive additional funds to provide increased wages and benefits for attendants or direct care staff and must demonstrate compliance with enhanced spending requirements on future cost reports.

To request participation or an increase in level, you must complete an online Enrollment Contract Amendment (ECA) by 5:00pm on July 31, 2019. You must complete the ECA online; no faxes will be accepted. No forms are included with this letter. The ECA, all instructions and worksheets are available on the HHSC Rate Analysis Department Website at:

<https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports>

From this website, select the appropriate program, scroll down to the heading "Rate Enhancement – Attendant Compensation" or "Rate Enhancement - Direct Care Staff Compensation" (for Nursing Facility). Click on "View 2020 Rate Enhancement."

You can access the ECA by clicking on "Enrollment Contract Amendment Form" under "Other Documents Important to the 2020 Enrollment Information."

In the same "Other Documents" section you can access instructions for completing the ECA by clicking on "Enrollment Contract Amendment Instructions." It is important to review the instructions prior to completing the ECA.

Just below the "Other Documents" section is the "Training Information" section. Click on "Enrollment Training Information" to obtain information regarding a free rate enhancement webinar.