

Public Hearing Notice

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Rule for the Public Health Provider – Charity Care Program.

March 26, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Hearing. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing on March 26, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. CDT, to receive public comments on the proposed rule for the Public Health Provider – Charity Care Program (PHP-CCP).

Due to the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted online only.

Persons interested in attending may register for the public hearing at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/550338968441019408>

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

HHSC will broadcast the public hearing. The broadcast will be archived for access on demand and can be accessed at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>.

Proposal. HHSC proposes new §355.8215, concerning Public Health Provider – Charity Care Program. The proposed rule was published in the March 19, 2021 issue of the [*Texas Register*](#).

Background and Purpose. The purpose of the proposed new rule is to authorize HHSC to implement the PHP-CCP under the 1115 waiver to reimburse certain costs for qualifying providers associated with providing care, including behavioral health, immunizations, chronic disease prevention and other preventative services for the uninsured.

Written Comments. Written comments regarding the proposal may be sent by U.S. mail to HHSC, Mail Code H400, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, Texas 78711-3247, or by e-mail to PHP-CCP@hhs.texas.gov.

To be considered, comments must be (1) postmarked or shipped before April 19, 2021; (2) hand-delivered before 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021; or (3) e-mailed before midnight on April 19, 2021. When e-mailing comments, please indicate "Comments on Proposed Rule 21R070" in the subject line.

Preferred Communication. During the current state of disaster due to COVID-19, physical forms of communication are checked with less frequency than during normal business operations. Therefore, please submit comments by email if possible.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at (512) 695-4122 at least 72 hours prior to the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.