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To Texans interested in Texas HIV Medication issues:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to advise DSHS in the development of procedures and guidelines for the Texas HIV Medication Program. It also reviews the program's goals and aims, evaluates ongoing efforts, and recommends short-range and long-range goals and objectives for the Texas HIV Medication Program.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a term expiring Dec. 31, 2026. Currently, HHSC is seeking representatives to be selected from the following categories:

- Physicians who are actively engaged in the treatment of individuals who are living with HIV
- Consumers who are living with HIV

A committee member must regularly participate in committee meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held in Austin about once every three months or at the call of the presiding officer. (NOTE: Due to COVID-19, meetings are temporarily being held virtually.) *To the extent permitted by the current state budget, a committee member who receives services from HHSC or is a family member of a client may be repaid for their travel expenses to and from meetings if money is available and in accordance with the HHSC Travel Policy. Other committee members aren't paid to attend or travel to and from committee meetings.*

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If you would like to apply to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application by **Feb. 14**. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

Email:  
HHS\_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us  
Attn: HIV MAC

Mail:  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223  
Austin, TX 78711  
Attn: Susanna Sparkman

Fax:  
512-206-3984  
Attn: HIV MAC

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee.

In selecting members to serve on the committee, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the committee. HHSC tries to choose committee members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the committee, [visit the committee website](#) or contact Betsy Cohn at [Betsy.Cohn@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Betsy.Cohn@dshs.texas.gov).

For more information about applying to be on the committee, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Susanna Sparkman at [HHS\\_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:HHS_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us) or call 512-438-2897.