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To People Interested in Medicaid Managed Care Issues:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee. The committee, created by the HHS executive commissioner under authority granted by Texas Government Code 531.012, was formed to advise HHSC on the statewide operation of Medicaid managed care, including program design and benefits, systemic concerns from consumers and providers, efficiency and quality of services, contract requirements, provider network adequacy, trends in claims processing, and other issues as requested by the HHSC Executive Commissioner.

The committee must seek input from providers, managed care organizations, and people who receive Medicaid managed care services on these issues, produce formal recommendations to HHSC on policies and best practices related to Medicaid managed care issues and disseminate Medicaid managed care best practice information as appropriate.

The HHSC Executive Commissioner will appoint eight members to the committee to serve a term expiring Dec. 31, 2021. These members will be in addition to the 15 members currently serving. Currently, HHSC is seeking representatives to serve as committee members for the following eight categories:

- A Medicaid managed care client who is 65 or older.
- A Medicaid managed care client or family member who uses mental health services.
- Entities with responsibilities for the delivery of long-term services and supports or other Medicaid service delivery including:
 - Independent living centers.
 - Aging and disability resource centers established under the Aging and Disability Resource Center initiative funded in part by the federal Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- Community-based organizations serving low-income children and their families.

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- Community-based organizations engaged in perinatal services and outreach.
- Managed care organizations and participating health care providers.
- Rural providers.

The committee must also include representatives of each of the following:

- Clients with low incomes or consumer advocates representing low-income recipients.
- Clients with disabilities, including recipients with an intellectual or developmental disability or consumer advocates representing those recipients.
- Parents of a child who is a Medicaid managed care client.
- Advocates for children with special health care needs.
- Hospitals.
- Primary care providers and specialty care providers.
- State agencies.
- Pediatric health care providers, including specialty providers.
- Long-term services and supports providers including nursing facility providers and direct service workers.
- Obstetrical care providers.
- Non-physician mental health providers participating in the Medicaid managed care program. Entities with responsibilities for the delivery of long-term services and supports or other Medicaid service delivery including:
 - Area agencies on aging.
 - Community mental health and intellectual disability centers.

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 about once every three to four months in Austin or at the call of the presiding officer.

A committee member who is a Medicaid client or a family member of a Medicaid client may be repaid for travel expenses if money is available and in accordance with the HHS 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 serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application no later than **June 10**. You may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

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Attn: SMMCAC

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

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512-206-3984
Attn: SMMCAC

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

For more information about the Committee, contact Sarah Melecki at sarah.melecki@hhsc.state.tx.us or visit <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/leadership/advisory-committees/state-medicaid-managed-care-advisory-committee>.

For more information about applying to be on the Committee, and or to request an Americans with Disabilities Act accommodation or language assistance, contact Susanna Sparkman at [HHS Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:HHS_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us) or 512-438-2897.