



Home and Community-Based Services Slots for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

What you should know.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is tasked by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 to enroll 1,320 people in the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program from the interest list during the 2020-2021 biennium. Legislative appropriations assume equal rollout of HCS waiver slots throughout the biennium. The Local Procedure Development and Support (LPDS) unit within the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Program Services in conjunction with HHSC Financial Services forecasting staff, completed a projection of the number of HCS Interest List (IL) slots for each of the 39 Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs). See Table 1 for planned slot releases. The total amount of slots in Table 1 differs from the forecasted amount of 1,320 due to individuals who turn down or are not eligible for the slot offered to them.

Additionally, the intent of the Texas 86th Legislature is for HHSC to continue to promote diversion and transition from institutions. HHSC will continue using attrition slots in addition to appropriated slots, to meet the needs of people with IDD in crisis situations, and transition from institutions including nursing facilities and state supported living centers. HHSC also drafted an attrition plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. See Table 2 for the attrition plan.

HHSC will continue to monitor the progress of HCS waiver program enrollments with LIDDA staff on a routine basis to address barriers and ensure enrollments are completed as intended. LIDDA staff are encouraged to contact the assigned HHSC monitor with any questions about interest list slots or specific situations in which a person may need one of the targeted slots. The protocol for crisis diversion can be found in the LIDDA Handbook and the protocols for nursing facility diversion and transition can be found in the IDD Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review Handbook.

For any questions regarding the HCS slot allocation and attrition plans for the 2020-2021 biennium please email IDD_Services_Associate_Commissioner_Office@hpsc.state.tx.us.

Table 1. Planned Home and Community-based Services Interest List Slot Releases for Fiscal Year 2020 by LIDDA

Comp	LIDDA	FY2020 - First Quarter Projected Slot Releases (Sept - Nov 2019)	Projected Slot Releases for Remainder of FY2020 (Dec 2019 - Aug 2020)	FY2020 Total
010	Betty Hardwick	3	6	9
020	Texas Panhandle	9	18	27
030	Integral Care	9	26	35
040	Central Counties	9	12	21
051	Alamo Council of Gov.	25	55	80
060	Center for Life Res.	0	1	1
070	Central Plains	7	3	10
090	Emergence	10	13	23
100	Gulf Coast	5	13	18
110	Gulf Bend	5	3	8
130	Tropical Texas	28	48	76
140	Spindletop	3	14	17
150	Lubbock Regional	9	10	19
160	Concho Valley	0	4	4
170	Permian Basin	3	9	12
180	Nueces County	3	5	8
190	Andrews Center	7	13	20
200	Tarrant County	40	58	98
220	Heart of Texas	3	8	11
230	Helen Farabee	4	9	13
240	Community Healthcore	3	10	13
250	Brazos Valley	8	9	17
260	Burke Center	8	14	22
280	Harris County	48	99	147
290	Texoma	5	2	7
300	Dallas Metrocare	45	45	90
350	Pecan Valley	5	31	36

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380	Tri-County	8	13	21
400	Denton County	7	16	23
410	Lifepath Systems	10	15	25
430	Texana	9	21	30
440	ACCESS	0	3	3
450	West Texas	6	4	10
460	Bluebonnet Trails	8	20	28
470	Hill Country	8	6	14
475	Coastal Plains	2	5	7
480	Lakes Regional	11	43	54
485	Border Region	6	6	12
490	Camino Real	11	12	23
	TOTAL	390	702	1,092

HHSC plans to release approximately 1,092 HCS IL slots in Fiscal Year 2020, with a double release planned for the months of September and October 2019 to ramp up enrollments. The table below shows a potential number of slots a LIDDA might receive in Fiscal Year 2020. The data is derived from the HCS statewide interest list report. A projection for Fiscal Year 2021 will be completed the summer of 2020. Data projections are subject to change at any time.

Table 2. HCS attrition slot types for the 2020-21 biennium.

2020-2021 HCS Slot Type	Slot #	Fiscal Years 2020- 2021 Allocation	Slot Description
Crisis Diversion	106	Attrition	For persons at imminent risk of institutionalization and/or other qualifying circumstance requiring diversion.
NF- Transition (Adults)	107	Attrition	Persons age 21 or older who are moving from a Nursing Facility (NF)
NF-DIVRT	108	Attrition	For persons who are being diverted from NF placement
NF- Children	109	Attrition	Persons age 21 or younger who are moving from a Nursing Facility
CPS AOC	110	Attrition	Children aging out of CPS Conservatorship
SSLC PI	111	Attrition	Persons moving from an SSLC to the community
SSLC Step Down	112	Attrition	Persons stepping down from SSLC to ICF to HCS.
HCS - Statewide Interest List Reduction	113 (FY'20) 114 (FY'21)	1,320	HCS Statewide Interest List reduction.

Attrition slots are created when previously funded HSC slots are permanently discharged by a person after their enrollment. HHSC will use attrition slots in the 2020-2021 biennium to address specific target groups listed in the HCS waiver that did not receive a specific funding allocation during the legislative session. The Attrition Slot Allocation Committee (ASAC) will meet at least once a month to distribute any attrition slots available and may meet more frequently if needed. HHSC Financial Services forecasting staff projected 95 attrition slots to be available each month.

- The ASAC will begin with the first person on the request list and will approve the release of HCS slots, up to 95 slots per month.
 - ▶ If there are not enough attrition slots available, HHSC Financial Services forecasting staff will be consulted to determine if additional attrition slots are available.
 - ▶ If enough attrition slots are not available to cover the number of slots needed, the ASAC may consider using HCS interest list slots to serve people through the Promoting Independence Initiative. The ASAC will consider this option on a month-to-month basis to ensure as many people as possible are released from the interest list.