

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: House Bill 54 – Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit transmittal number 23-0027 to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the minimum monthly personal needs allowance (PNA) for residents of a nursing facility (NF), assisted living facility, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID), or other similar long-term care facility from \$60 to \$75 for individuals and from \$120 to \$150 for couples. The proposed amendment implements House Bill 54, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. The proposed amendment is effective January 1, 2024.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an additional annual aggregate expenditure of \$2,109,043 million for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, consisting of \$688,923 in federal funds and \$1,420,120 million in state general revenue. For FFY 2025, the estimated additional annual expenditure is \$2,904,683, consisting of \$949,212 in federal funds and \$1,955,471 in state general revenue.

To obtain copies of the proposed amendment, interested parties may contact Nicole Hotchkiss, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 438-5035; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposal will also be made available for public review at the local Access and Eligibility Services for local benefit offices.