

TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice – Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The amendment is proposed to be effective October 1, 2019.

The purpose of this amendment is to create a Public Ground Emergency Medical Transportation System payment program for eligible public emergency medical transportation systems. The non-federal share of the payments will come from local public funds, not general revenue.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an increase in annual aggregate expenditures of \$14,518,000 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020, consisting of \$8,808,070 in federal funds and \$5,709,929 in non-federal funds. For FFY 2021, the estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures is \$15,243,900, consisting of \$9,282,010 in federal funds and \$5,961,889 in non-federal funds.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the proposed amendment and/or additional information about the amendment by contacting Cynthia Henderson, State Plan Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by email at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (which were formerly the local offices of the Department of Aging and Disability Services).

Written Comments. Written comments about the proposed amendment and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax or email:

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