

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendments

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendments are effective March 18, 2020.

The purpose of the amendments is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following services:

Outpatient Hospital;

Physicians and Other Practitioners;

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT); and

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$820,084 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020, consisting of \$499,349 in federal funds and \$320,735 in state general revenue. For FFY 2021, the estimated result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,548,379, consisting of \$942,808 in federal funds and \$605,571 in state general revenue. For FFY 2022, the estimated result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,565,566, consisting of \$953,273 in federal funds and \$612,293 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Rate Analysis website under the proposed effective date at: <http://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing. For proposed rate changes a rate hearing will be conducted on March 23, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Information about the proposed rate change(s) and the hearing will be published in the March 20, 2020, issue of the *Texas Register*. This notice can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>. It can also be found on HHSC's website at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/meetings-events>.

Copy of Proposed Amendments. Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendments 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, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by e-mail at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed

amendments will be available for review at the local county offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Written Comments. Written comments about the proposed amendments 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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