



COMMISSIONER
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To: Texas Home Living Program Providers
Local Authorities

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-121
Temporary Extension for Submission of Support Methodologies

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has authorized additional vacancies in the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program due to refinancing of general revenue funds allocated to local authorities, as described in Information Letter 11-64 dated May 23, 2011. The total number of additional TxHmL program vacancies now exceeds 4,200.

DADS rule at 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Section 9.578(c)(2) and (3) requires TxHmL program providers to:

- develop written support methodologies, in coordination with the individual, the individual's family or legally authorized representative, that describe actions and methods to accomplish outcomes identified in the person-directed plan; and
- submit written support methodologies to the service coordinator at least 14 calendar days before the implementation date of the Individual Plan of Care (IPC).

Because of the additional program vacancies, DADS anticipates an unusually large number of individuals enrolling in the TxHmL program from now through February 2012. To ease the workload associated with a large number of enrollments, TxHmL program providers may have up to **60** calendar days **after** the implementation date of the IPC to submit the support methodologies to the service coordinator. Beginning March 1, 2012, TxHmL program providers must resume compliance with the 14 calendar day requirement.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this letter, please contact the DADS Regulatory Services Waiver Survey & Certification unit at (512) 438-4163. If you have any questions regarding the service coordination role, contact Mary Skillman of DADS Access and Intake at (512) 438-3511.

Sincerely,

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