



COMMISSIONER
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To: Texas Home Living Program Providers
MR Authorities

Subject: Information Letter No.11-64
Impending Expansion of the Texas Home Living Program

This letter is to inform Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program providers of the program's impending expansion. The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is beginning with authorizing the enrollment of approximately 2,000 individuals in the TxHmL Program through the refinance of general revenue funds that are currently being allocated to local MR authorities. This refinancing of general revenue funds will result in the state receiving additional federal funds for community services. All enrollments for this refinance must be complete by August 31, 2011. Attached is a document outlining the number of TxHmL refinance offers sent to each MR Authority.

To expedite the enrollment process, DADS expects TxHmL Program providers to be responsive to requests for information about their program from applicants. Responding quickly to inquiries and providing requested information in a timely manner is an important part of the enrollment process.

DADS reminds all TxHmL Program providers that §9.578(a) of the TxHmL Program rules (40 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 9, Subchapter N) states that "A program provider must serve an eligible applicant or individual who selects the program provider unless the program provider's enrollment has reached its service capacity as identified in the Client Assignment and Registration System (CARE)."

Please review your TxHmL contract(s) to determine if you are prepared to serve the entire local service areas of all the MR Authorities covered by your contract(s). If you want to amend your contract to add or eliminate a local service area, please contact DADS Access and Intake, Community Services Contracts by:

- e-mail: communityservicescontracts@dads.state.tx.us
- facsimile: (512) 438-5522, Attention: Melissa Faught
- voice mail: (512) 438-3550; or
- phone: (512) 438-5428 - Melissa Faught

A Home and Community-Based Services Program provider may request to execute a TxHmL Program contract by contacting DADS, Access and Intake, Community Services Contracts by:

- facsimile: (512) 438-5522, Attention: Letisha Metayer; or
- phone: (512) 438-2352 – Letisha Metayer

A map of the local service areas is available at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/CDS/waiver-map.pdf>

In accordance with the Texas Health and Safety Code, §533.0355(d)(2)(C), a local MR authority operating the TxHmL Program may temporarily increase its capacity to accommodate individuals whose services are being refinanced from general revenue to a Medicaid program. Therefore, a local MR authority's TxHmL Program contract may be included in the list of providers from which the individual or legally authorized representative may choose even if the MR authority's TxHmL Program is operating at or above its "cap."

If you have questions about the impending TxHmL refinance, please contact Mary Skillman, Unit Manager, at (512) 438-3511 or by e-mail at mary.skillman@dads.state.tx.us. If you have questions about a program provider's responsibilities during the enrollment process, please contact a manager for Waiver Survey and Certification at (512) 438-4163.

Sincerely,

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William Campbell
Section Director
Community Services Contracts

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Carol Ahmed,
Director of Survey Operations
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David Rollins
Section Director
MR Authorities

Attachment

Number of New Slot type 49 TxHmL Ref

Comp code	Name	#49 TxHmL Ref Offer per Local Authority
10	BETTY HARDWICK CENTER	20
20	TEXAS PANHANDLE CENTERS	66
30	AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE	36
40	CENTRAL COUNTIES CENTER FOR MHMR SERVICES	51
51	ALAMO LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR IDD	95
60	CENTER FOR LIFE RESOURCES	13
70	CENTRAL PLAINS CENTER	4
90	EL PASO MHMR	30
100	THE GULF COAST CENTER	46
110	GULF BEND MHMR CENTER	11
130	TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	79
140	SPINDLETOP CENTER	44
150	LUBBOCK REGIONAL MHMR CENTER	21
160	MHMR SERVICES FOR THE CONCHO VALLY	19
170	PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTER	45
180	MHMR of NUECES COUNTY	30
190	ANDREWS CENTER	11
200	MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY	97
220	HEART OF TEXAS REGION MHMR CENTER	28
230	HELEN FARABEE CENTERS	28
240	COMMUNITY HEALTHCORE	33
250	MHMR AUTHORITY OF BRAZOS VALLEY	28
260	BURKE CENTER	12
280	MHMR AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY	201
290	MHMR SVCS. OF TEXOMA	15
300	METRO CARE SERVICES	385
350	PECAN VALLEY MHMR REGION	7
380	TRI-COUNTY SVCS	18
400	DENTON COUNTY MHMR CENTER	57
410	LIFEPATH SYSTEM	3
430	TEXANA CENTER	47
440	ACCESS	13
450	WEST TEXAS CENTERS	18
460	BLUEBONNET TRAILS COMMUNITY SERVICES	74
470	HILL COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CENTERS	31
475	COASTAL PLAINS MHMR CENTER	36
480	LAKES REGIONAL MHMR CENTER	62
485	BORDER REGION MHMR COMM CTR	57
490	CAMINO REAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	59

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