



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives Providers
Home and Community Support Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter No. 12-20
Community Based Alternatives Dental Buffers

The purpose of a dental buffer is to allow home and community support services agencies (HCSSAs) the ability to obtain a dental evaluation without having to first request the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) case manager add the cost of a dental evaluation to the Individual Service Plan (ISP).

Effective April 19, 2012, DADS case managers will add a dental buffer up to a maximum of \$400.00 to each Community Based Alternative initial ISP and annual reassessment, unless the amount of the buffer will cause the ISP to exceed the cost limit.

DADS case managers will add the dental buffer in the next ISP year unless a HCSSA requests it earlier. DADS will not add the amount of the buffer when determining if a dental request requires an exception to the service limit of \$4,675. Authorization of a buffer amount is included in the annual ISP dental service limit.

For questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact the DADS, at CBA@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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