



COMMISSIONER  
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To: Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs)

Subject: **Provider Letter 12-31** – HCSSA Joint Training

Senate Bill 223 and House Bill 1720, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, authorized and required the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to provide joint training for DADS and HCSSA staff.

DADS is developing and will begin conducting trainings in addition to regional provider meetings for HCSSAs in November 2012. Training topics will cover the top areas of federal and state regulatory noncompliance by HCSSAs. DADS may charge a fee of not more than \$50 per person to attend the trainings. Joint training courses may count as the initial and continuing education hours for HCSSA administrators and alternate administrators.

Information about the trainings and the dates offered, including how to register, will be published on the DADS Provider webpage: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/training/hcssa.cfm>.

New courses will continue to be added as they are developed, so be sure to check back frequently for courses of interest near you that will be presented.

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact a HCSSA policy specialist in the Policy, Rules and Curriculum Development unit at (512) 438-3161.

Sincerely,

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