



COMMISSIONER
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To: Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities Providers
Financial Management Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter 13-66
Expansion of the Consumer Directed Services Option to Employment Assistance and Supported Employment

The purpose of this letter is to inform Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) providers and Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSAs) that effective October 1, 2013, two additional DBMD services will be available through the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option:

- Employment assistance
- Supported employment

Employment assistance and supported employment service requirements and provider qualifications are addressed at Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 42, Section 42.625, Employment Services.

Employment assistance helps an individual to obtain competitive, integrated employment. The service code for CDS employment assistance is 54V. The following are the associated billing codes.

| Bill Code | Definition |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| G6077 | Taxes |
| G6078 | Employer Supports/Benefits |
| H2029 | CDS Employment Assistance |

Supported employment helps an individual to maintain competitive, integrated employment. The service code for CDS supported employment is 37V. The following are the associated billing codes.

| Bill Code | Definition |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| G6067 | Taxes |
| G6068 | Employer Supports/Benefits |
| H2027 | CDS Supported Employment |

The rates are posted on the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Rate Analysis department website at:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/long-term-svcs/dbmd/index.shtml>

DADS updated FMSA DBMD contracts with the service codes for employment assistance and supported employment to allow service authorization and billing.

The following forms will be available on the DADS website by October 1, 2013:

- Individual Plan of Care (IPC) (Form 6500);
- IPC Service Delivery Transfer Worksheet (Form 6500T);
- Employer and Financial Management Services Agency Agreement DBMD addendum (Form 1735); and
- DBMD CDS employer budget.

DBMD case managers must begin using the revised IPC form, for all enrollment IPCs, renewal IPCs, and IPC revisions and the 6500T for all transfers made after October 1, 2013. FMSAs must begin to use the DBMD addendum to Form 1735, and DBMD CDS employer budget on October 1, 2013.

For questions pertaining to the DBMD rates, please contact HHSC Rate Analysis at RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us. Please send CDS questions to cds@dads.state.tx.us. For DBMD policy questions please send questions to DBMD@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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