

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Proposed Payment Rates  
for Paraprofessional Services and the Pre-Engagement Fee in the  
Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Program**

**Effective April 1, 2013**

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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES FOR PARAPROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND THE PRE-ENGAGEMENT FEE IN THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES) WAIVER PROGRAM**

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This document contains information relating to the proposed payment rates for Paraprofessional Services and the Pre-Engagement Fee in the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver program. The YES waiver is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for reimbursement determination for the YES waiver.

The YES waiver provides intensive, community-based services to children and youth meeting criteria for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. Per the rate setting methodology codified at Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §355.9060, Reimbursement Methodology for the Youth Empowerment Services Waiver Program, the proposed payment rates are based on rates for similar services from other Medicaid programs or, if a similar service does not exist, a pro forma rate will be established.

HHSC proposes to increase the rate for Paraprofessional Services. In addition, HHSC is proposing a new rate for a Pre-Engagement Fee. The Pre-Engagement Fee provides reimbursement for the provider's efforts in completing an assessment that is not eligible for reimbursement through another Medicaid program or for individuals who are not eligible for the YES Waiver. The Pre-Engagement Fee is a one-time payment. Proposed rates are as follows:

Service	Proposed Rate
Paraprofessional Services	\$5.43 per 15 minutes
Pre-Engagement Fee	\$115.52 per assessment

A public hearing will be held to receive public comments on the proposed rate at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2013, in the Lone Star Conference Room, of the Health and Human Services Commission, Braker Center, Building H, located at 11209 Metric Blvd, Austin, Texas. Entry is through Security at the main entrance of the building which faces Metric Boulevard. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

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