

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

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Vocational Discovery and Development Program**

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Included in this document is information relating to the proposed provider payment rate for case management services for the Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program (BCVDDP) operated by the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) – Division of Blind Services (DBS).

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination function for these services. The proposed rate is calculated in accordance with the reimbursement methodology rules at Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §355.8381, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for case management services for children who are blind and visually impaired.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rate on April 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Permian Basin conference room in Building H of the Braker Center, at 11209 Metric Boulevard, Austin, TX 78758-4021, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing 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 1 TAC §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

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PROPOSED PROVIDER PAYMENT RATE FOR CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THE BLIND CHILDREN'S VOCATIONAL DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Payment rate is proposed to be effective June 1, 2012.

BACKGROUND

The proposed payment rate is developed pursuant to the reimbursement methodology rules at 1 TAC §355.8381, relating to reimbursement rates for case management services for children who are blind and visually impaired.

The proposed payment rate is \$120.49 per client month of service and is a decrease of \$13.04 or 9.76% from the current rate of \$133.53.

The payment rate calculation is based on financial and statistical data reported by DARS-DBS for its 2011 state fiscal year. This data is desk reviewed by the HHSC Office of Inspector General (OIG).

All cost components are projected from the cost-reporting period (i.e., SFY11) to the rate period (June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013) by using the most recent inflation factors available February 2012.

Projected Salaries & Wages = Salaries & Wages X 1.00 (No Inflation Factor)

Projected Performance Awards = Performance Awards X 1.000 (No Inflation Factor)

Projected Benefit Replacement Pay = Benefit Replacement X 1.000 (No Inflation Factor)

Projected State Employee Relocation Expenses = State Employee Relocation Expense X 1.000 (No Inflation Factor)

Projected Retirement Incentive Pay = Retirement Incentive Pay X 1.000 (No Inflation Factor)

Projected All Other Costs = Non Salary Costs X 1.024 (Personal Consumption Expenditures Inflation)