

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

June 28, 2013

**Proposed Payment Rates for
Youth Empowerment Services Waiver**

**Payment rates are proposed to be effective
September 1, 2013**

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES FOR YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES) WAIVER**

Effective September 1, 2013

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on July 16, 2013, in the Public Hearing Room in the John H. Winters Building, 701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas. Entrance is through Security at the front of the building facing 51st Street. Public comments will be received on proposed payment rates for the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver program operated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require public notice and hearings on proposed reimbursements before such rates are approved by HHSC.

PROPOSED RATES

The proposed payment rates incorporate appropriations provisions from the 2014-15 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 (Article II, Department of State Health Services) which appropriated \$24.4 million general revenue funds for the 2014-2015 biennium for the YES waiver. The proposed payment rates also incorporate direction from Section 1, S.B. 45, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, which requires DSHS to add Supported Employment (SE) and Employment Assistance (EA) to the YES waiver service array. The proposed rates are below.

Proposed YES Waiver Rates

| Service | Current Rate | Proposed Rate 9/1/2013 |
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| Community Living Supports (Bachelor's Degree) - per 15-minutes | \$8.37 | \$25.02 |
| Community Living Supports (Master's Degree) - per 15-minutes | \$11.95 | \$25.02 |
| Family Supports - per 15-minutes | \$4.96 | \$6.25 |
| Paraprofessional Services - per 15-minutes | \$5.43 | \$6.15 |
| Pre-Engagement Fee - one time per participant | \$115.52 | \$15.85/hour up to a ceiling of \$253.60 (16 hours) |
| In-home Respite - per hour | \$9.94 | \$20.88 |
| Supported Employment - per hour | | \$26.07 |
| Employment Assistance - per hour | | \$26.07 |

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

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

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