

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice: Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services and Physicians and Other Practitioners Fee Schedule Update

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission announces its intent to submit amendments to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The purpose of the amendments is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting or implementing fees for the following:

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendments are effective July 1, 2016.

The proposed amendments are estimated to result in an aggregate savings of \$1,178,262 for the remainder of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2016, consisting of \$673,141 in federal funds and \$505,121 in state general revenue. For FFY 2017, the estimated savings is \$4,848,389, consisting of \$2,723,825 in federal funds and \$2,124,564 in state general revenue. For FFY 2018, the estimated savings is \$5,062,545, consisting of \$2,844,138 in federal funds and \$2,218,407 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific rates and percentage changes is available on the Texas Health and Human Services Rate Analysis website under the proposed effective date at: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/Rad/rate-packets.shtml>

Rate Hearing. A rate hearing was held on May 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Austin, Texas, and information about the proposed rate changes (including methodology and justification) and the hearing notice can be found in the April 15, 2016, issue of the Texas Register at pages 2795-2796 at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>. In addition, a rate hearing will be held on August 11, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Austin, Texas, and information about the proposed rate changes (including methodology and justification) and the hearing will be published in a future issue of the Texas Register at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain a free copy of the proposed amendments or additional information about the amendments by contacting J.R. Top, State Plan Coordinator, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, TX 78711; by telephone at (512) 462-6397; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by e-mail at jr.top@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for review at the local county offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Written Comments. Written comments and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

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