

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rate for
Influenza Vaccines**

**Payment rates are proposed to be effective
January 1, 2014.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective January 1, 2014

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid payment rates for Influenza Vaccines. The rates are proposed to be effective January 1, 2014.

Hearing

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed Medicaid rates detailed in this document on November 20, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room in the Brown-Heatly Building at 4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Lamar Boulevard. 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 the Texas Administrative Code, Title 1 (1 TAC), §355.201, 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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Background

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Proposed rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid State Plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. HHSC reviews the Medicaid reimbursement rates for all acute care services every two years and clinical laboratory services are reviewed annually. These biennial reviews result in rates that are increased, decreased, or remain the same. The reviews are unrelated to any rate reduction imposed by the Legislature but rather conducted to ensure that rates continue to be based on established rate methodologies.

Methodology

The specific administrative rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal include these rules in 1 TAC:

- §355.8081, which addresses payments for laboratory and x-ray services, radiation therapy, physical therapists' services, physician services, podiatry services, chiropractic services, optometric services, ambulance services, dentists' services, psychologists' services, licensed psychological associates' services, maternity clinic services, and tuberculosis clinic services;
- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other practitioners; and
- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment and expendable supplies in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps).

Proposed Rates

The proposed rates are based 89.5 percent of the Average Wholesale Price of each vaccine.

Proposed payment rates are listed in the attachments outlined below:

Attachment – Influenza Vaccines