

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

February 5, 2016

**Notice of Proposed Payment Rates for the
Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Program**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective
March 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective March 15, 2016

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2016, in Conference Room #5155, fifth floor, in the Brown Heatly Building, 4900 N. Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Lamar Boulevard. Public comments will be received on proposed payment rates for Supported Employment and Employment Assistance provided under the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver program operated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The revised payment rates are proposed to be effective March 15, 2016.

The hearing notice represents a revised notice of a hearing previously scheduled for January 21, 2016, and posted on the HHSC website on December 23, 2015. The rate hearing has been rescheduled as indicated above with a revised proposed effective date.

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 (relating to public hearing on rates) and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), (relating to general reporting and documentation, methods, and procedures) which require public notice of and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

PROPOSED RATES

HHSC proposes to revise the payment rates for Supported Employment and Employment Assistance from an hourly rate to a 15 minute rate.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Supported Employment	\$26.07	\$6.52
Employment Assistance	\$26.07	\$6.52

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

HHSC calculated the proposed payment rates in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, section 355.9060 (relating to reimbursement methodology for the Youth Empowerment Services waiver program).

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact Doug Odle, Rate Analyst at (512) 707-6086 or doug.odle@hhsc.state.tx.us.