

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for
Esophageal pH Probe Monitoring**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective April 1, 2011.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective April 1, 2011

Included in this document is information about the proposed Medicaid payment rates for esophageal pH probe monitoring that are proposed to be effective April 1, 2011.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. The proposed rates were calculated in accordance with the reimbursement methodology rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC):

- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other medical professionals, including medical services, surgery, assistant surgery, and physician administered drugs/biologicals; medical services, surgery, assistant surgery, radiology, laboratory, and radiation therapy and;
- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

Reimbursements paid to providers for the procedure codes included in these rate actions are to be reduced by two percent. A one percent reimbursement reduction was implemented for services provided on and after September 1, 2010, in compliance with a plan approved in response to the January 15, 2010, letter from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker regarding the revision to the Spending Reduction Plan for the 2010-2011 Biennium submitted by HHSC. An additional one percent reimbursement reduction, for a total of a two percent reduction, began February 1, 2011, in response to the December 6, 2010, letter from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rates on February 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lone Star 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. 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.

PROPOSED RATES

Attachment – Esophageal pH Probe Monitoring

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