

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

May 17, 2017

**Proposed Payment Rates
For the
Supported Home Living in the
Community First Choice and Home and Community-based
Services Waiver Programs and
Community Support Services in the
Community First Choice and Texas home Living Waiver
Programs**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective July 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES
Effective July 1, 2017

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on May 17, 2017, in the Public Hearing Room of the Brown-Heatly Building, located at 4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas, 75751. Entry is through security at the main entrance of the building, which faces Lamar Boulevard. Public comments will be received on proposed payment rates to be effective July 1, 2017, for Supported Home Living in the Community First Choice (CFC) and the Home and Community-based Services (HSC) Waiver programs and Community Support Services in the CFC and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Waiver programs.

HHSC also will broadcast the public hearing; the broadcast can be accessed at <http://legacy-hhsc.hhsc.state.tx.us/news/webcasting.asp>. The broadcast will be archived and can be accessed on demand at the same website.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions Human Resources Code §32.0282 and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

PROPOSED RATES

HHSC proposes the following rates for HSC and CFC Supported Home Living, HSC and CFC Supported Home Living Consumer Directed Services, TxHmL and CFC Community Support Services, and TxHmL and CFC Community Support Services Consumer Direct Services:

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
HCS and CFC Supported Home Living	\$22.41	\$17.73
HSC and CFC Supported Home Living Consumer Direct Services Payment Rate for Determining the Consumer's Budget	\$22.01	\$17.33
TxHmL and CFC Community Support Services	\$22.41	\$17.73
TxHmL and CFC Community Support Services Consumer Direct Services Payment Rate for Determining the Consumer's Budget	\$22.01	\$17.33

TxHmL is projected to be carved-in to Medicaid managed care under STAR+PLUS effective September 1, 2018, and HCS is projected to be carved-in effective September 1, 2021. Currently, STAR+PLUS covers attendant and habilitation services for individuals with disabilities through STAR+PLUS Community First Choice including services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). When TxHmL and HCS are carved-in to Medicaid managed care, attendant care and habilitation services will be provided through STAR+PLUS Community First Choice. There will be no difference between individuals receiving additional waiver benefits and those receiving only Community First Choice services with respect to those services.

Currently, reimbursement rates for HCS Supported Home Living and TxHmL Community Support Services are higher than the STAR+PLUS Community First Choice rate and the costs of providing these services. In preparation for the managed care carve-ins of these services, HHSC is proposing rates that more closely align them with the STAR+PLUS Community First Choice rate. The reimbursement rates are proposed to be effective July 1, 2017.

METHODOLGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The proposed reimbursement rates were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.9090, Reimbursement Methodology for Community First Choice, and §355.114, Consumer Directed Services Payment Option, and the proposed amendments to 1 TAC §355.112(l), Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement, and §355.723, Reimbursement Methodology for Home and Community-Based Services and Texas Home Living Programs, published in the March 17, 2017, edition of the *Texas Register* (42 TexReg 1203).

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