

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

February 12, 2015

Proposed Payment Rates for Community First Choice Services

Payment rates are proposed to be effective
June 1, 2015

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective June 1, 2015

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on February 25, 2015, in the Public Hearing Room in the Brown-Heatly Building, 4900 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building, south entrance. Public comments will be received on proposed Community First Choice (CFC) rates to be effective June 1, 2015.

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 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require public notice and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements before such rates are approved by HHSC.

PROPOSED RATES

The proposed rates are outlined in the attachments to this packet. The proposed rates are based on the rates for the corresponding, non-CFC services, or, for CFC State Plan services, a weighted average of the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Habilitation rate and the proxy rate for attendant services used in the calculation of the STAR+PLUS managed care capitation rates for the Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) risk group. The proxy rate is equal to the rate established for attendant services under the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) waiver prior to its termination. Weighting factors assume that 30 percent of personal attendant services historically provided to existing recipients in the STAR+PLUS HCBS risk group and 100 percent of personal attendant services provided to newly eligible recipients under CFC will be for habilitation.

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The proposed payment rates were determined in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified at 1 TAC, Chapter 355, Subchapter M, §355.9090, Reimbursement Methodology for Community First Choice as proposed in the December 5, 2014, issue of the *Texas Register* (39 TexReg 9447).

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact Pam McDonald, Director of Rate Analysis, at pam.mcdonald@hhsc.state.tx.us or (512) 707-6079.

**Attachment 1: Community First Choice
Proposed Payment Rates Effective June 1, 2015**

Service	Base Payment Rate	Eligible for Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Add-on?
Community First Choice (CFC) State Plan (i.e., STAR+PLUS) - Attendant and Habilitation - per hour	\$12.62	Yes \$0.05 per level up to Level 35 for HCSSAs and Level 25 for non-HCSSAs
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) – Attendant and Habilitation CFC - per hour	\$13.85	Yes \$0.05 per level up to Level 35
Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) – Attendant and Habilitation CFC - per hour	\$13.85	Yes \$0.05 per level up to Level 35
Emergency Response Services (ERS) – CFC - ceiling per month	\$29.76	No
Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) – Supported Home Living (SHL) CFC - per hour	\$22.41	Yes \$0.05 per level up to Level 25
Personal Care Services (PCS) - Attendant CFC - per 15 minutes	\$2.89	No
PCS – Habilitation CFC - per 15 minutes	\$3.43	No
Texas Home Living (TxHmL) – Community Support Services (CSS) CFC - per hour	\$22.41	Yes \$0.05 per level up to Level 25
Consumer Directed Services (CDS)		
Financial Management Services *		
CLASS and DBMD CFC - per month	\$202.00	No
HCS and TxHmL CFC - per month	\$154.79	No
PCS CFC - per month	\$108.90	No
State Plan (i.e., STAR+PLUS) CFC - per month	\$110.00	No
Consumer Payment Rates for Determining the Consumer's Budget **		
State Plan (i.e., STAR+PLUS) CFC - per hour	\$11.82	No
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) – Attendant and Habilitation CFC - per hour	\$13.05	No
Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) – Attendant and Habilitation CFC - per hour	\$13.05	No
Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) – Supported Home Living (SHL) CFC - per hour	\$22.01	No
Texas Home Living (TxHmL) – Community Support Services (CSS) CFC - per hour	\$22.01	No
Personal Care Services (PCS) – Habilitation CFC - per 15 minutes	\$3.23	No
Personal Care Services (PCS) – Attendant CFC - per 15 minutes	\$2.69	No
Support Consultation CFC - per hour	\$15.37	No

* The monthly Financial Management Services fee is only authorized as CFC for individuals receiving all of their CDS services under CFC

** The consumer's budget and service plan are calculated using the Consumer Payment Rate times the number of units authorized during the budget and service plan period.