

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

August 7, 2014

Proposed Payment Rates for the following programs:

Community Based Alternatives – Home and Community Support Services
Day Activity and Health Services
Medically Dependent Children Program
Primary Home Care – Non-priority
Residential Care
Associated Consumer Directed Services

Payment rates are proposed to be effective
September 1, 2014

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2014

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on August 7, 2014, in the Public Hearing Room in the John H. Winters Building, 701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing 51st Street. Public comments will be received on proposed base rate increases for the following programs operated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):

- Community Based Alternatives – Home and Community Support Services (CBA)
- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)
- Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
- Primary Home Care (PHC)
- Residential Care (RC)
- Associated Consumer Directed Services

All payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2014.

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

HHSC proposes to increase the base rates for the CBA HCSS; DAHS; MDCP; PHC – NP; and RC programs and associated Consumer Directed Services. For each program, the entire increase is included in the attendant cost area portion of the total rate.

Program	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
CBA – HCSS	\$11.30	\$11.33
CDS CBA – HCSS	\$10.96	\$10.99
DAHS	\$14.09	\$14.24
PHC – NP	\$10.69	\$11.08
CDS PHC – NP	\$ 9.89	\$10.28
RC – Apartment	\$39.34	\$39.74
RC – Non-Apartment	\$30.68	\$31.08

Program (cont.)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
MDCP:		
- Respite and Adjunct Provided by an Attendant	\$10.66	\$10.79
- Respite and Adjunct Services provided by attendant without delegation	\$11.66	\$11.79
- Respite and Adjunct Services provided by attendant with delegation	\$12.66	\$12.79

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The proposed payment rates incorporate provisions in the 2014-15 General Appropriations Act that included funds to support increases in the base wages of personal attendants to \$7.50 per hour in fiscal year 2014 and \$7.86 per hour in fiscal year 2015. See General Appropriations Act, 83d Leg., R.S., ch. 1411, art. II, at II-137, 2013 Tex. Gen. Laws 3743, 3988 (Health and Human Services Section, Special Provisions for all Health and Human Services Agencies, §61(b)). HHSC calculated the proposed payment rates in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified at title 1, section 355.112 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement.

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.