

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

**July 6, 2015**

**Proposed Payment Rates for the following programs:**

Community First Choice  
Day Activity and Health Services  
Medically Dependent Children Program  
Primary Home Care – Non-priority  
Residential Care  
Proxy rates for attendant services under STAR+PLUS Home and Community-  
based Services  
Associated Consumer Directed Services

Payment rates are proposed to be effective  
September 1, 2015

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES**

**Effective September 1, 2015**

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2015, in the Public Hearing Room 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 base rate increases for attendant services provided under the following programs operated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):

- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)
- Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
- Primary Home Care (PHC)
- Residential Care (RC)
- Associated Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

The hearing will also receive public comment on proposed base rate increases for certain attendant and habilitation services provided under the Community First Choice (CFC) program operated by DADS and HHSC:

- CFC State Plan - Attendant and Habilitation
- Associated Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

Lastly, the hearing will receive public comment on proposed base rate increases for 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:

- Proxy Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
- Associated Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

All payment rates are proposed to be effective September 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

HHSC proposes to increase the base rates in the following programs along with the associated CDS rates. For each program, the entire increase is included in the attendant/habilitation cost area portion of the total rate.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
CFC State Plan – Attendant & Habilitation	\$12.62	\$12.69
CDS CFC State Plan – Attendant & Habilitation	\$11.82	\$11.89
DAHS	\$14.24	\$14.30
PHC – NP	\$11.08	\$11.23
CDS PHC – NP	\$10.28	\$10.43
RC – Apartment	\$39.35	\$39.51
RC – Non-Apartment	\$30.69	\$30.85
MDCP:		
- Respite and Flexible Family Support provided by attendant without delegation	\$11.79	\$11.95
- Respite and Flexible Family Support provided by attendant with delegation	\$12.79	\$12.95
- Respite and Flexible Family Support provided by an attendant (CDS)	\$10.99	\$11.15
Proxy CBA Personal Assistance Services (PAS)	\$11.33	\$11.49
CDS Proxy CBA PAS	\$10.99	\$11.15

## METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The proposed payment rates incorporate provisions in the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act that included funds to support increases in the base wages of personal attendants to \$8.00 per hour. See General Appropriations Bill, 84th Leg., R.S., art. II, at II-131 (Health and Human Services Section, Special Provisions for all Health and Human Services Agencies, §47). HHSC calculated the proposed payment rates in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified at title 1, section 355.112 of the TAC, relating to Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement and title 1, section 355.9090 of the TAC, relating to Reimbursement Methodology for Community First Choice.

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