

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for Early and
Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
(EPSDT) Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Personal Care
Services and Community First Choice Personal Care
Services**

**Payment rates are proposed to be effective
September 1, 2015**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2015

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid payment rates for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Personal Care Services and Community First Choice (CFC) Personal Care Services. The rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2015.

Hearing

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed Medicaid rates detailed in this document on July 17, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the Department of State Health Services, Winters Building Public Hearing Room, 701 W. 51st Street, Austin, Texas. Entry is through security at the main entrance of the building facing W. 51st Street. 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 the Texas Administrative Code, Title 1 (1 TAC), §355.201, which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

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

Background

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Proposed rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid State Plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. HHSC reviews the Medicaid reimbursement rates for all acute care services every two years. These biennial reviews result in rates that are increased, decreased, or remain the same. The reviews are conducted to ensure that rates continue to be based on established rate methodologies.

Methodology

The specific administrative rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this

proposal include these rules in 1 TAC:

- §355.8021, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for home health services and durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies;
- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other practitioners;
- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps).

Proposed Rates

The proposed rate actions are based on direction provided by the 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, Article II, Rider 50, at pages II-96 through II-98 (Health and Human Services Section, Health and Human Services Commission). The proposed payment rate for CFC nurse delegation is based on the current Medicaid reimbursement rate for skilled nursing services.

Proposed payment rates are listed in the attachment outlined below:

Att – EPSDT THSteps PCS and CFC Services