

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

**Proposed Payment Rates for
Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Program**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective
September 1, 2016

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2016

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2016, in the Public Hearing Room in the Winters Building, 701 W. 51st Street, Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing 51st Street. Public comments will be received on proposed payment rates for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS) program operated by the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services (DARS). All payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2016.

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

PROPOSED RATES

HHSC proposes rates for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Outpatient Services, Post-Acute Brain Injury (PABI) Residential Services, PABI Ancillary Services and PABI and Post-Acute SCI Non-Residential Services. The CRS program proposed rates are presented in Attachments 1 and 2. The results of the Survey of Proposed DARS CRS Post-Acute Brain Injury Facility-Based Services Rates (Residential and Non-Residential) are presented in Attachments 3 and 4.

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

An HHSC Internal Audit of the CRS program recommended that DARS work with the HHSC to develop a defensible, transparent rate setting methodology for the CRS program. The payment rates proposed in this document were developed in response to that audit recommendation.

The proposed rates were determined in accordance with the rate-setting methodologies that will be published in the April 29th edition of the Texas Register and are scheduled to be adopted effective September 1, 2016. The methodologies will be codified at 1 TAC, Chapter 355, Subchapter M, §355.9040, Reimbursement Methodology for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Program.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact Andrew Wolfe, Rate Analyst at (512) 707-6072 or RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us.