

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

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Targeted Case Management for the Early Childhood Intervention
Program**

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Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for Specialized Skills Training (SST) and Targeted Case Management (TCM) services provided in the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program. Payment rates are proposed to be effective October 1, 2011.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. The proposed rates for SST and TCM were calculated in accordance with the reimbursement methodology rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) §355.8423 which addresses the reimbursement methodology for the Early Childhood Intervention Program.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rates on June 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lone Star Conference Room in Building H of the Braker Center, at 11209 Metric Boulevard, Austin, TX 78758-4021, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Metric Boulevard. 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 1 TAC §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

BACKGROUND

The reimbursement methodology Targeted Case Management (TCM) for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program is based on the proposed reimbursement rules on 1 TAC §355.8421. The ECI providers are currently paid a statewide rate. The existing rate methodology for TCM uses a monthly unit of service. The proposed rate methodology establishes a 15-minute unit of service that is a prospective and uniform statewide rate for both a face-to-face and telephone case management visit. The current rate for TCM is \$175.87 per client per month. The proposed rate is \$37.16 for a face-to-face visit and \$12.89 for a telephone contact per 15-minute unit of service.

The reimbursement methodology Specialized Skills Training (SST) for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program is based on the proposed reimbursement rules on 1 TAC §355.8422. The ECI providers are currently paid a statewide rate. The existing rate methodology for SST uses an hourly unit of service. The proposed rate methodology establishes a 15-minute unit of service that is a prospective and uniform statewide rate for SST on an individual and group basis. The current rate for SST is \$126.52 per hour. The proposed rate is \$31.63 on an individual basis and \$7.91 on a group basis per 15-minute unit of service.

PROPOSED RATES

Service	Procedure Code	Modifier	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Effective Date
Case Management (TCM)	G9012		\$175.87	\$0.00	10/1/2011
Case Management (TCM) – Face to Face	9-T1017	U1	New	\$37.16	10/1/2011
Case Management (TCM) – Telephone	9-T1017		New	\$12.89	10/1/2011
Developmental Rehabilitation Services (DRS)			\$126.52	\$0.00	10/1/2011
Specialized Skills Training (SST)-Individual	1-T1027	U1	New	\$31.63	10/1/2011
Specialized Skills Training (SST)-Group	1-T1027		New	\$7.91	10/1/2011

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