

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
PROVIDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Proposed Payment Rates for
Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental
Health (HCBS-AMH) Supported Home Living (SHL) and
Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver In-Home Respite**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective April 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATE

Effective Date April 1, 2021

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2021. This hearing was originally scheduled for February 17, 2021 but was cancelled due to a weather-related office closure.

Due to the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted online only. To register for the online hearing, use the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6336540899642733071>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You may also dial in to the hearing at (562) 247-8422, access code 818-813-843.

HHSC will archive the public hearing and it can be accessed on demand after the hearing at the following link: <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communicationsevents/live-archived-meetings>.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed during the hearing prior to final rate approval. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code §32.0282, which requires public notice of and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

PROPOSED RATE

HHSC proposes to convert the HCBS-AMH SHL hourly payment rate to a 15-minute rate of \$5.60 and to convert the YES Waiver in-home respite hourly payment rate to a 15-minute rate of \$5.22. The HCBS-AMH SHL payment rate and the YES Waiver in-home respite rates are proposed to be effective April 1, 2021. Transitioning of the HCBS-AMH SHL and YES Waiver in-home respite rates to 15 minutes is necessary to implement electronic visit verification.

METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION

The proposed payment rate for HCBS-AMH was developed in compliance with HHSC's established rate methodology in 1 TAC §355.9070 relating to Reimbursement Methodology for Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program.

The proposed payment rate for YES Waiver was developed in compliance with HHSC's established rate methodology in 1 TAC §355.9060, relating to Reimbursement Methodology for the Youth Empowerment Services Waiver Program.

Contact the HHSC Provider Finance Department's Center for Information and Training by phone at (512) 424-6637 or by email at RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us if you have any questions regarding the information in this document.