

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

August 27, 2019

**Proposed Payment Rates for the State-owned
Veterans Nursing Facilities**

The interim rates are proposed to be effective retroactive to June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020 and settlement rates are proposed to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing on August 27, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., to receive comments on proposed Interim Rates and 2018 Settlement Payment Rates for State Veterans Homes Nursing Facilities. State Veterans Homes are overseen by the Veterans Land Board (VLB), which is the state agency authorized to operate these nursing facilities under Chapter 164, Natural Resources Code. HHSC maintains a program in which Medicaid-eligible veterans can choose to reside in State Veterans Homes. The interim rates are proposed to be effective retroactive to June 1, 2018 and will remain in effect through May 31, 2020 as approved at the April 25, 2019, meeting of the VLB. The settlement rates are proposed to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions Human Resources Code §32.0282, and the Texas Administrative Code Title 1 (1 TAC), §355.105(g), which requires a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

PROPOSAL. HHSC proposes the following payment rates for the state-owned veterans nursing facilities:

Proposed Interim rates to be effective retroactive to June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020

Amarillo, \$147.00; Big Spring, \$147.00; Bonham, \$147.00; Floresville, \$147.00; Temple, \$147.00; McAllen, \$147.00; El Paso, \$147.00; and Tyler, \$244.00.

Proposed Settlement rates to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2018 through through August 31, 2018

Amarillo, \$175.16; Big Spring, \$205.76; Bonham, \$182.47; Floresville, \$178.32; Temple, \$170.93; McAllen, \$175.94; El Paso, \$170.10; and Tyler, \$271.38.

The proposed rates for each home are based upon the state veterans home semi-private basic daily rate in effect on the first day of the rate period in accordance with the rate setting methodologies listed below under Methodology and Justification. These rates will be reconciled retrospectively based on actual costs in accordance with 1 TAC §355.311(j).

METHODOLGY AND JUSTIFICATION. The proposed rates were determined in accordance with the rate reimbursement setting methodology at 1 TAC §355.311(d).

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