

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

**September 23, 2019**

**Proposed Payment Rates for**

STAR Kids Proxy Services

STAR+PLUS Proxy Services

Payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2019

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES** **Effective September 1, 2019**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on September 23, 2019, in the Public Hearing Room in the Brown-Heatly Building located at 4900 N. Lamar Boulevard., Austin, Texas, 78751. Public comments will be received on proposed rate increases for the following programs operated by HHSC:

- STAR Kids Proxy Services
- STAR+PLUS Proxy Services

### **PROPOSAL**

HHSC proposes to increase the attendant base wage to \$8.11 for the attendant cost component for the following attendant services under STAR+PLUS and STAR Kids in accordance with the 2020-21 GAA (Article II, HHSC, Rider 45):

#### STAR+PLUS Proxy Services

- Community First Choice (CFC) Habilitation\*
- CFC Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Habilitation **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
- Day Activity and Health Services
- In-home Respite
- PAS **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
- PAS Protective Supervision

#### STAR Kids Proxy Services

- Adult Day Care
- Flexible Family Support Services<sup>†</sup>
- In-home Respite<sup>†</sup>

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates. These payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2019. Additional payment rates proposed in accordance with Rider 45 were included in a rate hearing conducted by HHSC on July 9, 2019.

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\* Includes Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) and non-HCBS.

<sup>†</sup> Includes attendants and attendants with RN delegation.

## **METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION**

The proposed rates were calculated in accordance with the 2020-21 General Appropriations Act, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 44 and Rider 45) and the following sections of 1 TAC:

- §355.112, concerning Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement;
- §355.503, concerning the Reimbursement Methodology for the Community-Based Alternatives Waiver Program and the Integrated Care Management-Home and Community Support Services and Assisted Living/Residential Care Program;
- §355.507, concerning the Reimbursement Methodology for the Medically Dependent Children Program; and
- §355.9090, concerning the Reimbursement Methodology for Community First Choice.

**STAR+PLUS PROXY RATES  
PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

<b>Service - proposed rates effective September 1, 2019</b>	<b>Service Delivery</b>	<b>Payment Rate</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
CFC Habilitation (HCBS and non-HCBS)	Agency/SRO Base Rate	\$12.80	1 hour	0.87%
	CDS	\$12.00	1 hour	1.52%
CFC Personal Assistance Services (HCBS and non-HCBS)	Agency/SRO	\$12.80	1 hour	0.87%
	CDS	\$12.00		1.52%
In-home Respite	Agency/SRO	\$241.24	1 day	1.11%
	CDS	\$217.24		1.23%
Personal Assistance Services (HCBS)	Agency/SRO Base Rate	\$11.60	1 hour	0.96%
	CDS	\$11.26	1 hour	0.99%
Personal Assistance Services (non-HCBS)	Agency/SRO	\$11.58	1 hour	0.96%
	CDS	\$10.78		1.03%
Personal Assistance Services Protective Supervision (HCBS)	Agency/SRO	\$11.60	1 hour	0.96%
	CDS	\$11.26		0.99%
Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)		\$14.41	1 unit (3-6 hours)	0.77%

**STAR KIDS PROXY RATES  
PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

<b>Service - proposed rates effective September 1, 2019</b>	<b>Service Delivery</b>	<b>Payment Rate</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
Adult Day Care		\$14.41	1 unit (3-6 hours)	0.77%
In-home Respite and Flexible Family Support Services provided by attendant	Agency/SRO	\$12.06	1 hour	0.92%
	CDS	\$11.26		0.99%
In-home Respite and Flexible Family Support Services provided by attendant with RN delegation	Agency/SRO	\$13.06	1 hour	0.85%
	CDS	\$12.26		0.91%

If you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact the HHSC Rate Analysis Department's Customer Information Center by phone at (512) 424-6637 or by email at [RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us).