

TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Public Notice- Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendment is effective July 4, 2019.

The purpose of this amendment is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting or implementing the fees for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an additional annual aggregate savings of \$4,653,479 for the remainder of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019, consisting of \$2,707,903 federal funds and \$1,945,576 in state general revenue. For FFY 2020, the estimated additional annual savings is \$18,654,441, consisting of \$11,410,127 in federal funds and \$7,244,314 in state general revenue. For FFY 2021, the estimated additional savings is \$18,914,948, consisting of \$11,517,311 in federal funds and \$7,397,637 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Rate Analysis website under the proposed effective date at: <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearing. A rate hearing will be held on July 29, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Austin, Texas, and information about the proposed rate changes (including methodology and justification) and the hearing can be found in the *Texas Register* on page(s) at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Rate Analysis by mail at Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by telephone at (512) 730-7401; by fax at (512) 730-7475; or by email at RADAcuteCare@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the local county offices of HHSC.

Written Comments. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

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