

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

**Notice of Proposed Adjustments to Fees, Rates or  
Charges for Policy Fee Review Mobility Aids-  
Patient Lift Medical Policy**

**Adjustments are proposed to be effective  
August 1, 2019**

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS**

### **To Be Effective August 1, 2019**

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed adjustments to Medicaid payment rates for Mobility Aids-Patient Lift Medical Policy. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) intends to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act to update the fee schedules to reflect these proposed adjustments. The rates are proposed to be effective August 1, 2019.

### **Hearing**

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed adjustments to Medicaid rates detailed in this document on May 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room in the Brown-Heatly Building at 4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Lamar Boulevard. HHSC will consider all concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing will be held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 which requires a public hearing on proposed payment rate adjustments. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

Rate Analysis for Acute Care Services  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
E-mail: [RADAcuteCare@hsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RADAcuteCare@hsc.state.tx.us)

HHSC will broadcast the public hearing; the broadcast can be accessed at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>. The broadcast will be archived and can be accessed on demand at the same website.

### **Background**

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Proposed rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid State Plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. HHSC reviews the Medicaid reimbursement rates for all acute care services every two years.

These biennial reviews result in rates that are increased, decreased, or remain the same. The reviews are conducted to ensure that rates continue to be based on established rate methodologies.

## **Methodology**

The specific administrative rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal were calculated in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code §355.8023, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS).

## **Proposed Rate Adjustments**

A summary of the methodologies used to determine the proposed fee-for-service Medicaid rates is listed below:

- Procedure codes and descriptions used in the Texas Medicaid Program are national standard code sets as required by federal laws; Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- Access-based fees (ABFs) allow the state to reimburse for procedure codes not covered by Medicare or for which the Medicare fee is inadequate, or account for particularly difficult procedures, or encourage provider participation to ensure access to care.
- ABFs may also be established based on the Medicare fee for a service that is not priced using RVUs. Physician-administered drug pricing methodologies are outlined in §355.8085.
- For services and items that are not covered by Medicare or for which the Medicare rate is insufficient, different approaches are used to develop fees based on available information. These alternate methods include, as applicable:
  - The median or mean of the Medicaid fees from 14 states (the 10 most populous and the 4 bordering Texas) or the median or mean of the states that cover the service
  - Regional Medicare pricing from Novitas or a percentage of the Medicare fee
  - The current Medicaid fee for a similar service (comparable code)
  - 82 percent of the manufacturer suggested retail price (MSRP) supplied by provider associations or manufacturers
  - 89.5 percent of the average wholesale price for enteral and parenteral products

- Cost shown on a manufacturer's invoice submitted by the provider to HHSC

Specific proposed payment rate adjustments are listed in the attachments outlined below:

Policy Fee Review – Mobility Aids-Patient Lift

### **Written Comments**

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rate adjustments will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Rate Analysis at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to [RADAcuteCare@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RADAcuteCare@hhsc.state.tx.us). In addition, written comments will be accepted by overnight mail or hand delivery to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400, Brown-Heatly Building, 4900 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78751

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Rate Analysis at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours in advance for appropriate arrangements.

This public rate hearing briefing packet presents proposed payment rates and is distributed at HHSC public rate hearings and posted by the proposed effective date on the HHSC website at <http://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>. Proposed rates may or may not be adopted, depending on HHSC management decisions after review of public comments and additional information. Provider and public notification about adoption decisions are published on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at <http://www.tmhp.com> in banner messages, bulletins, notices, and updates to the Texas Medicaid fee schedules. The fee schedules are available in static files or online lookup at <http://public.tmhp.com/FeeSchedules>.

**POLICY ATTACHMENT - Mobility Aids - Patient Lifts - (Proposed to be effective August 1, 2019)**

TOS*	Proce- dure Code	Mod- ifier	Long Description	Age Range	Non- Facility (N)/ Facility (F)	Place of Service	CURRENT		8/1/2019		Percent Change from Current Medicaid Fee
							Current Medicaid Fee	Current Adjusted Medicaid Fee	Proposed Medicaid Fee	Proposed Adjusted Medicaid Fee	
J	E0639		FROM ROOM TO ROOM WITH DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY, INCLUDES ALL COMPONENTS/ACCESSORIES	0-20	N	2	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$1,224.11	\$1,224.11	100.00%
J	E0639		FROM ROOM TO ROOM WITH DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY, INCLUDES ALL COMPONENTS/ACCESSORIES	21-999	N	2	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$1,224.11	\$1,224.11	100.00%
J	E0640		PATIENT LIFT, FIXED SYSTEM, INCLUDES ALL COMPONENTS/ACCESSORIES	0-20	N	2	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$1,224.11	\$1,224.11	100.00%
J	E0640		PATIENT LIFT, FIXED SYSTEM, INCLUDES ALL COMPONENTS/ACCESSORIES	21-999	N	2	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$1,224.11	\$1,224.11	100.00%

<b>*Type of Service (TOS)</b>	
J	DME Purchase - New
<b>Place of Service</b>	
2	Home

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