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School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

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Agenda



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What is SHARS?

Medicaid services provided by school districts in Texas to Medicaid-eligible students are known as School Health and Related Services (SHARS). SHARS allows local school districts, including public charter schools, to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services documented in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

SHARS reimbursement is provided for students who meet all of the following requirements:

- Are 20 years of age and younger and eligible for Medicaid
- Meet eligibility requirements for special education described in IDEA
- Have IEPs that prescribe the needed services



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What is SHARS?



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Services covered by SHARS includes:

- Audiology services
- Counseling
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy (OT)
- Personal care services (PCS)
- Physical therapy (PT)
- Physician services
- Psychological services, including assessments
- Speech therapy (ST)
- Transportation in a school setting



For these services to be reimbursable through SHARS they must be provided by qualified personnel who are under contract with or employed by the school district.

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SHARS Reimbursement

Cost Settlement

- The cost reconciliation process must be completed within 24 months of the end of the reporting period covered by the annual SHARS cost report. The total Medicaid-allowable costs are compared to the provider's interim payments for SHARS delivered during the reporting period, which results in a cost reconciliation.
- Interim Rates
 - In order to accommodate participating SHARS districts that require interim cash flow to offset the financial burden of providing for students, an interim fee-for-service claiming system still exists for SHARS.

HHSC Rate Analysis' Role

- **HHSC and TEA have a Memorandum of Understanding that lists the program responsibilities of each agency.**
- **HHSC Rate Analysis primarily oversees the rate setting and cost reporting/cost reconciliation processes for SHARS.**
- **HHSC Rate Analysis is considered by most as the go-to for all SHARS related issues.**



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2015 SHARS Cost Settlement Update

All 759 cost reports submitted for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015 reporting period have been reconciled and advanced for payment.

- Group A payments/recoupments were completed 12/8/17.
- Group B payments/recoupments will be completed by approximately 12/15/17.

**Total Medicaid Allowable Costs:
\$1,083,049,371.00**

- Federal Portion of Costs: \$628,710,152.00
- Interim Payments: \$208,339,868.00
- Total Settlement Payouts: \$420,370,284.00 (total includes 24 recoupments totaling \$(469,139))



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2017 Cost Report and Training Information

Fairbanks LLC. will launch the 2017 SHARS Cost Reports for all eligible providers approximately January 3, 2018.

- 854 providers deemed eligible as of 12/12/17.

Reporting period: FFY 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)

New for 2017

- Step 3a: A Notes/Comments column will be added to each position migrated to Step 3a from the district's participant lists.
- Step 5: Revised Reconciliation Table



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2017 Cost Report and Training Information



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In accordance with Title 1 TAC §355.102(d), it is the responsibility of the provider to ensure that each cost report preparer has completed the required state-sponsored cost report training. **Effective October 1, 2011**, preparers must complete cost report training every other year for the odd-year cost report in order to receive a certificate to complete both that odd-year cost report and the following even-year cost report.



All SHARS cost report preparers will need to attend a 2017 SHARS Cost Report Training session in order to be granted Full Access to their district's cost report. SHARS Contacts that have not met the training requirement will have "view-only" access, which will allow them to review cost report information but will not allow them to input information or submit their district's cost report.

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- SHARS cost report training must be met in order to grant the SHARS cost report preparer full access to STAIRS. NO EXEMPTIONS from the cost report training requirements will be granted.
- SHARS Overview trainings may be presented at other related training sessions, however, attending a SHARS Overview training does not meet the SHARS cost report training requirement.
- Cost report training is provided at no charge by the HHSC Rate Analysis.

2017 Cost Report and Training Information



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2017 SHARS Cost Report Training Schedule

Date	Program	Mode	Type	Start	End
1/9/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
1/30/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
2/13/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
2/20/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
3/8/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
3/22/2018	ISD	Webinar	Initial	9:00 AM	3:00 PM

- SHARS Training Website: <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services/shars-training>
- SHARS Cost Reporting Information Website: <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services/shars-cost-report-information>

2016 SHARS Cost Report Audit Reviews

- **Cost Report Review Unit (CRRU) auditors will attempt to review all 797 submitted cost reports.**
- **Audit reviews are scheduled to begin April 2018. Launch date subject to change.**
- **Scope of audits.**
- **Contact HHSC Rate Analysis for assistance with any audit related issues.**



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Rule 355.8443 Amendment

- **SHARS Reimbursement [Rule 355.8443](#) amended 11/30/17.**
- **Amendment implements a one percent administrative fee that will be retained from the federal share of the total certified Medicaid allowable costs of each SHARS provider to be used for Health and Human Services administrative activities, including compliance monitoring, technical assistance, and to establish and maintain an audit reserve fund.**
- **Amendment will impact 2016 SHARS Cost Report settlements.**



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Other Current HHSC-SHARS Projects

- **SHARS FAQ Updates**
- **HHSC SHARS Website Updates**
- **2019 SHARS Interim Rates**



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HHSC RAD SHARS Website:

<https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services-shars>



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Thank you
