

FY 2021 Enrollment Contract Amendment Open Enrollment July 1 - July 31

**The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
announces Open Enrollment for the:**

- **Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Program for Community Care, Home and Community-based Services, Texas Home Living, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions**
- **Direct Care Staffing Compensation Program for Nursing Facility (NF)**

This enrollment pertains only to providers contracted with HHSC as described in [Title 1, Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) §355.112](#) and [§355.308](#).

Providers who are contracted directly with a Managed Care Organization (MCO) will continue to enroll for rate enhancement through that MCO and may not enroll through the process discussed below.

Providers who choose to participate in this optional program receive additional funds to provide increased wages and benefits for attendants or direct care staff and must demonstrate compliance with enhanced staffing or spending requirements on future cost or accountability reports.

For CC and NF providers, to request participation or an increase in level, you must complete an online Enrollment Contract Amendment (ECA) by 5:00pm on July 31, 2020.

For IDD providers, pursuant to Rider 44, Article II of House Bill 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, new add-on rates will be in effect September 1, 2020. HHSC requests that all HCS/TxHmL and ICF/IID providers who participate in the rate enhancement program

complete a revised enrollment contract amendment as specified in §355.112(f)(7), which will be adopted by 6/25/20. Since the program is receiving substantial revisions, including higher add-ons for day habilitation and residential services, HHSC is requiring that all participating providers request to enroll at a new level to ensure that they are able to meet the associated spending requirements. Therefore, for this year's enrollment, providers will not be automatically enrolled in the attendant compensation rate enhancement at their current level. Providers' enrollment levels will be re-set to non-participant and providers will need to complete the ECA and designate a new level based on the new add-on rates. HHSC has developed worksheets and instructions to assist the providers as they determine their new level. If a provider does not enroll for FY2021, they will not be able to participate in the program.

You must complete the ECA online; no faxes or emails will be accepted. No forms are included with this letter. The ECA, instructions, and worksheets are available on the HHSC Rate Analysis Department Website at:

<https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports>

From this website, select the appropriate program, scroll down to the heading "Rate Enhancement – Attendant Compensation" or "Rate Enhancement - Direct Care Staff Compensation" (for Nursing Facility). Click on "View 2021 Rate Enhancement."

You can access the ECA by clicking on "Enrollment Contract Amendment Form" under "Other Documents Important to the 2021 Enrollment Information."

In the same "Other Documents" section you can access instructions for completing the ECA by clicking on "Enrollment Contract Amendment Instructions." It is important to review the instructions prior to completing the ECA.

Just below the "Other Documents" section is the "Training Information" section. Click on "Enrollment Training Information" to obtain information regarding a free rate enhancement webinar.