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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is accepting written comments on the [Draft Monitoring Plan for Local Funds Used to Support Medicaid Payments](#).

Medicaid payments are jointly financed by the federal government and states. Federal law restricts the types of funds that can be used for a state's share of a Medicaid payment. Permissible funding sources include state general revenue and locally derived funds.

In Texas, locally derived funds are used for the non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental and directed payments. To increase oversight and accountability of local funds used for the non-federal share, HHSC is proposing to implement a process to monitor the financing structures that underlie the local funding. Through the [Draft Monitoring Plan for Local Funds Used to Support Medicaid Payments](#), HHSC proposes to collect and assess information on all financing arrangements that generate local funds transferred or certified by governmental entities as the non-federal share of Medicaid payments. This effort is part of HHSC's initiative in the [Blueprint for a Healthy Texas](#) to improve accountability and sustainability of supplemental and directed payment programs to achieve positive outcomes.

The monitoring plan consists of five steps: (1) Annual survey, (2) Risk assessment, (3) Additional information for selected entities, (4) Deep dive reviews, and (5) Determination. Each stage of monitoring will be implemented according to a phased timeline.

The [Draft Monitoring Plan for Local Funds Used to Support Medicaid Payments](#) is published for public comment on October 22, 2020. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on November 12, 2020 and can be sent by email to: [RAD\\_1115\\_Waiver\\_Finance@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:RAD_1115_Waiver_Finance@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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