



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives Providers
Primary Home Care, Community Attendant Services, and Family Care Providers
Medically Dependent Children Program Providers
Day Activity and Health Services Providers

Subject: Information Letter: 13-50 **REVISED**
Required Base Wages of Personal Attendants Effective September 1, 2013, and September 1, 2014

This letter updates Information Letter 13-50, Required Base Wages of Personal Attendants Effective September 1, 2013, and September 1, 2014, published August 21, 2013, by adding Day Activity and Health Services to the list of affected providers.

The purpose of the letter is to inform providers that effective September 1, 2013, persons providing attendant services in the following programs and services must be paid at least \$7.50 per hour:

- Primary Home Care Services, including Community Attendant Services and Family Care;
- Personal Assistance Services in the Community Based Alternatives program;
- Respite and Flexible Family Support Services in the Medically Dependent Children Program; and
- Title XIX and Title XX—attendants only in Day Activity and Health Services

On September 1, 2013, Title 40 Texas Administrative Code §§49.71 – 49.73 will require that persons working as personal attendants in the services/programs listed above, whether as employees or contractors of a provider or as employees or contractors of subcontractors, be paid at or above a specified hourly base wage. Beginning September 1, 2013, the required minimum base wage is \$7.50 per hour. Beginning September 1, 2014, the required minimum base wage is \$7.86 per hour.

In addition, providers are required to notify by September 15, 2013, all persons hired as personal attendants on or before August 31, 2013, of the required base wage. Newly employed or contracting attendants hired on or after September 1, 2013, must be notified of the required base wages within three days of being hired.

For questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact Frank Plummer, Unit Manager, Contract Accountability and Oversight at (512) 438-2188 or by email at frank.plummer@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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