



COMMISSIONER
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter 14-15
Medicaid Hospice Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2014

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Medicaid Hospice program based on information provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The new rates, which are effective retroactive to October 1, 2013, can be accessed through the HHSC Rate Analysis website at the following address:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/long-term-svcs/hospice/index.shtml>.

For federal fiscal year 2014, CMS approved two rates. Hospice providers who have met the quality reporting requirements for CMS, established by Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act, will be reimbursed at the higher rate while providers who are not in compliance with CMS quality reporting requirements will receive the lower rate.

As of October 1, 2013, the Department of Aging and Disability Services has been reimbursing all Hospice providers at the higher rate. Beginning April 1, 2014, all hospice providers who have not met the quality reporting requirements for CMS will begin receiving the lower rate for all services provided on April 1, 2014, and forward.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Medicaid Hospice program by email at Hospice@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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