



## TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: **Information Letter No. 14-85**  
Medicaid Hospice Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2015

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 retroactive to 10/01/2014, 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 2015, CMS approved two payment rates following the quality reporting requirements for CMS, established by Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act. As of 4/1/2014 hospice providers who have met the quality reporting requirements will be reimbursed at the higher rate while providers who are not in compliance with CMS quality reporting requirements will receive the lower rate. The providers who did not meet the requirements have received a letter from CMS and DADS letting them know that they will be receiving the lower rate effective October 1, 2014.

Providers should continue to bill for provided services using the portal at <http://TMHP.com>. Since the electronic payment system has been updated with the new rates, a retroactive adjustment will occur allowing the new rate for claims for dates of service beginning 10/01/2014; therefore, no additional action is required by individual providers.

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

Sincerely,

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