



**ATTACHMENT  
HHS BULLETIN B-09-002**

**Health and Human Services Enterprise  
Expedited Process for the Development and Approval of Rules**

**EXPEDITED RULEMAKING PROCESS TIMELINES**

**May 2009**

- Begin review of passed legislation for mandated rule changes that must be implemented by September 1, 2009.
- Develop rules, obtain internal approvals, and develop draft Request for Publication of Rules Memorandum for Executive Commissioner approval to publish rules as proposed.

<b>Publication of Proposed Rules After Council Meeting</b>		<b>Publication of Proposed Rules Before Council Meeting</b>
June 18	Council meetings to consider proposed rules no later than:	Not Applicable
June 18	Rules finalized, Request for Publication of Proposed Rules Memo submitted to the Executive Commissioner for approval to publish rules as proposed no later than:	June 16 *
June 22	Proposed rules sent to the <i>Texas Register</i> no later than:	June 22
July 3	Publication of proposed rules for 30 days.	July 3
Not Applicable	Council meetings to review published proposed rules no later than:	July 31

\* Notification forwarded to agency council members.



**Publication of  
Proposed Rules  
After Council Meeting**

**Publication of  
Proposed Rules  
Before Council Meeting**

<p>July 31 August 2</p>	<p>Proposed rules sent to advisory committees and public hearings held (if necessary) no later than: Public comment period ends.</p>	<p>July 31 August 2</p>
<p>August 3-4</p>	<p>Prepare adoption materials; develop Request for Adoption of Rules Memorandum to adopt/publish rules. If substantive comments not previously raised at agency council meeting are received, rule, comment, and proposed response presented to agency council. Rule revised to reflect council recommendations as necessary.</p>	<p>August 3-4</p>
<p>August 5 August 11</p>	<p>Request for Adoption of Rules Memo and rule adoption packet sent to HHSC no later than: Rules sent to the <i>Texas Register</i> no later than: (Rules will be published in the <i>Texas Register</i> on August 28.)</p>	<p>August 5 August 11</p>
<p>September 1</p>	<p>Effective date of adopted rules.</p>	<p>September 1</p>