

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**June 28, 2013**

**Proposed Payment Rates for the following programs:**

Primary Home Care – Non-priority  
Day Activity and Health Services  
Residential Care  
Associated Consumer Directed Services

**Proposed Payment Rates for Attendant Compensation Rate  
Enhancement Levels 26 through 35 for the following  
programs:**

Community Based Alternatives–Home and Community Support Services  
Community Based Alternatives – Assisted Living/Residential Care  
Community Living Assistance and Support Services  
Day Activity and Health Services  
Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities  
Primary Home Care  
Residential Care

**Revised on July 23, 2013:**  
Payment rates are proposed to be effective  
September 1, 2013

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2013

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on July 15, 2013, in the Public Hearing Room in the John H. Winters Building, 701 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing 51st Street. Public comments will be received on proposed base rate increases for the Primary Home Care (PHC) – Non-priority (NP), Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS), and Residential Care (RC) programs and associated Consumer Directed Services (CDS) and proposed payment rates for Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Levels 26 through 35 for the following programs operated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):

- Community Based Alternatives – Home and Community Support Services (CBA)
- Community Based Alternatives – Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC)
- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)
- Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
- Primary Home Care (PHC)
- Residential Care (RC)

All payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2013.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require public notice and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements before such rates are approved by HHSC.

### PROPOSED RATES

HHSC proposes to increase the base rates for the PHC – NP; DAHS; and RC programs and associated Consumer Directed Services. For each program, the entire increase is included in the attendant cost area portion of the total rate.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
PHC – NP	\$10.41	\$10.69
CDS PHC – NP	\$ 9.61	\$ 9.89
DAHS	\$13.99	\$14.09
RC – Apartment	\$39.42	\$39.70
RC – Non-Apartment	\$30.76	\$31.04

The proposed enhancement level payment rates for CBA, CLASS, DAHS, DBMD, RC and PHC are:

Participant Level	Additional Amount Added to Each Level	Total Enhancement Add-on for Each Level
Participant – Level 26	\$0.05	\$1.30
Participant – Level 27	\$0.05	\$1.35
Participant – Level 28	\$0.05	\$1.40
Participant – Level 29	\$0.05	\$1.45
Participant – Level 30	\$0.05	\$1.50
Participant – Level 31	\$0.05	\$1.55
Participant – Level 32	\$0.05	\$1.60
Participant – Level 33	\$0.05	\$1.65
Participant – Level 34	\$0.05	\$1.70
Participant – Level 35	\$0.05	\$1.75

The proposed enhancement level payment rates for CBA AL/RC are:

Participant Level	Additional Amount Added to Each Level	Total Enhancement Add-on for Each Level
Participant – Level 26	\$0.05	\$1.25
Participant – Level 27	\$0.05	\$1.30
Participant – Level 28	\$0.05	\$1.35
Participant – Level 29	\$0.05	\$1.40
Participant – Level 30	\$0.05	\$1.45
Participant – Level 31	\$0.05	\$1.50
Participant – Level 32	\$0.05	\$1.55
Participant – Level 33	\$0.05	\$1.60
Participant – Level 34	\$0.05	\$1.65
Participant – Level 35	\$0.05	\$1.70

## **METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION**

The proposed payment rates incorporate appropriations provisions from the 2014-15 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 (Article II, Special Provisions for all Health and Human Services Agencies, Section 61), which appropriated \$20 million in general revenue funds for the 2014-2015 biennium for additional Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement Levels for the DADS' community care programs listed above and the HHSC Star+Plus program. In addition, Section 61 appropriated funds to support increases in the base wage of personal attendants to \$7.50 per hour in fiscal year 2014, and to \$7.86 per hour in fiscal year 2015. The proposed payment rates were determined in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified at 1 TAC, Chapter 355, Subchapter A, §355.112, Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement.

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