

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for
Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy provided
by Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation
Facilities/Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
(CORF/ORF), Home Health Agencies (HHA), and
Independent Therapists**

**Payment rates are proposed to be effective
September 1, 2013.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2013

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Hearing

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed Medicaid rates detailed in this document on July 10, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the Winters Public Hearing Room at 701 W 51st Street, Austin, TX 78751, with entrance through security at the front of the building facing 51st street. HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 and 1 TAC §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

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Background

The reimbursement rates proposed reflect applicable adjustments in response to direction received in the 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Senate Bill 1, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013), effective September 1, 2013, including reductions described in the Health and Human Services portion of article II, Rider 51, Medicaid Funding Reduction and Cost Containment.

Methodology

The specific administrative rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal include this rule in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC):

- §355.8081, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for home health services and durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies;
- §355.8081, which addresses payments for laboratory and x-ray services, radiation therapy, physical therapists' services, physician services, podiatry services, chiropractic services, optometric services, ambulance services, dentists' services,

psychologists' services, licensed psychological associates' services, maternity clinic services, and tuberculosis clinic services;

- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other medical professionals, including medical services, surgery, assistant surgery, and physician administered drugs/biologicals, medical services, surgery, assistant surgery, radiology, laboratory, and radiation therapy; and
- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps).

Proposed Rates

The proposed rates are based a five percent decrease for services provided in an office or facility setting and a three percent decrease for services provided in the home. Current rates for evaluations and re-evaluations are proposed to be maintained.

Proposed payment rates are listed in the attachments outlined below:

Attachment 1 – CORFORF

Attachment 2 – Home Health Agency

Attachment 3 – Independent Therapist