

Public Rate hearing Scheduled for May 11, 2016

The rate hearing packets for the public rate hearing scheduled for **Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.**, are now posted on the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Rate Analysis Website at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/rate-packets.shtml> under the proposed effective dates of May 1, 2016, and July 1, 2016. The hearing will be held in the Public Hearing Room of the Brown-Heatly Building, located at 4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751. The hearing will be for the purpose of receiving public testimony on proposed Medicaid rates in the following categories, grouped by proposed effective date and type of review, as follows:

Proposed to be Effective May 1, 2016:

Medicaid Annual 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Updates: Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services

Special Review: Adult Ophthalmological Services

Proposed to be Effective July 1, 2016:

Medicaid Biennial Calendar Fee Review (with numbered CFR attachments for each topic as follows):

- (1) Birthing Centers
- (2a) Clinical Laboratory Services
- (2b) Clinical Laboratory Services
- (3) Nervous System Surgery

Medical Policy Review: Radiology (77013, 77022, and 78608)

Note: Both spreadsheets are in one PDF file

- (1) Radiology
- (2) Radiology - Hospital Outpatient Imaging

Medical Policy Review: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

The notice for the rate hearing was published in the April 15, 2016, issue of the *Texas Register*. As indicated in the notice and the rate hearing packets, written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony until **5 p.m.** the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax or e-mail, as follows:

U.S. Mail:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Overnight mail, special delivery mail or hand delivery:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Rate Analysis, Mail Code H-400
Brown-Heatly Building
4900 North Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78751

Phone number for package delivery: 512-730-7401

Fax: Attention: Rate Analysis at 512-730-7475

E-mail: RADAcuteCare@hhsc.state.tx.us

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Rate Analysis at (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.