

**Reducing Administrative Requirements – Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities Program (DBMD)
Department of Aging and Disability Services**

No.	Requirement	Description/Suggestion	Benefits	DADS Response	Status as of 02/06/2015
1	Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule, Chapter 42	The Chapter 42 DBMD rules reference licensed home health assisted living as a DBMD service provided by Home Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs). Under the HCSSA license, there is not a license category for this service.	Clarification in the DBMD rules will help relieve provider confusion and concern.	On September 1, 2014, the DBMD rules and Chapter 49 were updated to clarify licensing requirements for assisted living.	Complete
2	Establish an Electronic Paperwork System.	Establish an electronic system for plan review and other paperwork submissions and exchange between service providers and DADS.	Electronic submission would streamline communication and record keeping.	This will be accomplished with implementation of the DADS provider portal. Portal is scheduled to be released August 31, 2015.	In Progress