

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

**Proposed Payment Rates  
for the  
Youth Empowerment Services (YES)  
Waiver Program**

**Effective April 1, 2012**

February 13, 2012

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES FOR THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES) WAIVER PROGRAM**

**EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2012**

This document contains information relating to the proposed payment rates for the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver program. The YES waiver is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for reimbursement determination for the YES waiver.

The YES waiver provides intensive, community-based services to children and youth meeting criteria for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. The goals of the waiver include:

- providing a more complete continuum of community-based services and supports for children with severe emotional disturbances;
- preventing or reducing inpatient psychiatric admissions for children with severe emotional disturbances;
- preventing entry and recidivism into the foster care system;
- reducing out-of-home placements by all child-serving agencies; and
- improving the clinical and functional outcomes of youth and their families.

The rates for the YES waiver are based on rates for similar services from other Medicaid programs or, if a similar service does not exist, a pro forma rate will be established. A pro-forma analysis makes assumptions about staff salaries and service requirements, and estimates the basic types and costs of products and services necessary to deliver services meeting federal and state requirements. Proposed rates are presented in Attachment 1.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comments on the proposed rate at 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2012, in the Lone Star Conference Room, of the Health and Human Services Commission, Braker Center, Building H, located at 11209 Metric Blvd, Austin, Texas. Entry is through Security at the main entrance of the building which faces Metric Boulevard. The Health and Human Services Commission (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 Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (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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**ATTACHMENT 1. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES) WAIVER  
PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES EFFECTIVE April 1, 2012**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Payment Rate</b>
Community Living Supports (Bachelor's Degree) - per 15-minutes	\$8.37
Community Living Supports (Master's Degree) - per 15-minutes	\$11.95
Family Supports - per 15-minutes	\$4.07
Paraprofessional Services - per 15-minutes	\$4.07