

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for Mental Retardation Service
Coordination on the Mental Illness and Mental Retardation program**

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Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for Mental Retardation Service Coordination provided in the Mental Illness and Mental Retardation program. Payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2011.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. The proposed rates for service coordination were calculated in accordance with the proposed reimbursement methodology rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §355.746 which addresses the reimbursement methodology for the Mental Illness and Mental Retardation program.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Medicaid proposed rates on June 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lone Star Conference Room in Building H of the Braker Center, at 11209 Metric Boulevard, Austin, TX 78758-4021, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing Metric Boulevard. 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.

BACKGROUND

The reimbursement methodology Service Coordination (SC) for Mental Illness and Mental Retardation program is based on the proposed reimbursement rules on 1 TAC §355.746. The existing rate methodology for SC uses a monthly unit of service. The proposed rate methodology establishes an encounter unit of service (type A) that is a prospective and uniform statewide rate for both a comprehensive and follow-up encounter (type B). A comprehensive encounter is a face-to-face contact with the client based on an average time of 45 minutes per contact and limited to one billable encounter per client per calendar month. A follow-up encounter is a face-to-face, telephone, or telemedicine contact which involves interface with the client or collateral and is based on an average time of 15 minutes per contact. The follow-up encounter is limited up to three follow-up encounters per client per calendar month for each comprehensive encounter that has occurred within the calendar month. The follow-up encounter does not have to be provided to the client for whom the comprehensive encounter was provided. The current rate for SC is \$182.80 per client per month. The proposed rate is \$92.80 for a comprehensive encounter and \$30.00 for a follow-up encounter.

PROPOSED RATES

Service	Submitted Code	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Effective Date
Service Coordination	G9012	\$182.80	\$0.00	9/1/2011
Service Coordination - Comprehensive encounter (Encounter – Type A)		New	\$92.80 per encounter	9/1/2011
Service Coordination - Follow-up encounter (Encounter – Type B)		New	\$30.00 per encounter	9/1/2011

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