

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

**Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for:
Comprehensive Care Program Providers
General and Integumentary Surgery
Physician-Administered Drugs and Biologicals
Respiratory Therapists
Nervous System Surgery**

Payment rates are proposed to be effective October 1, 2010.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES

Effective October 1, 2010

Included in this document is information relating to the proposed Medicaid payment rates that are proposed to be effective October 1, 2010.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. The proposed rates were calculated in accordance with the reimbursement methodology rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC):

- §355.8021, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for home health services, durable medical equipment and expendable medical supplies;
- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other medical professionals, including medical services, surgery, assistant surgery, and physician-administered drugs/biologicals; and
- §355.8089, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for in-home respiratory therapy services for ventilator-dependent persons.

The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office informed HHSC in a letter dated May 17, 2010, of their revision to the Spending Reduction Plan for the 2010-2011 Biennium submitted by HHSC in response to the January 15, 2010, letter from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker requesting a spending reduction proposal. The result of this revision is that the reimbursements for these services will be reduced by one percent effective September 1, 2010.

HHSC will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed Medicaid payment rates on August 17, 2010, 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.

PROPOSED RATES

Proposed payment rates are in the five tables that follow. These tables are referred to as Attachments 1 through 5, and they include the subtopics listed below.

Attachments:

1. Comprehensive Care Program Provider
2. General and Integumentary Surgery
3. Physician-Administered Drugs
4. Respiratory Therapists
5. Nervous System Surgery

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