

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

**Proposed Payment Rates
for the
Supervised Independent Living (SIL) Program
Effective December 1, 2011**

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES FOR THE SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING (SIL) PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2011

This document contains information relating to the proposed payment rates for the Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program. SIL is operated by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is responsible for reimbursement determination for the SIL Program.

SIL will serve approved young adults in foster care to allow them to practice independent living skills before leaving foster care. DFPS will contract for SIL housing for young adults with minimal supervision and minimal case management services in five housing settings, including, but not limited to apartments and shared housing settings, college dorm settings, non-college dorm settings and host home settings. SIL providers will not be licensed, but through contract provisions will meet the identified needs of the young adults in their SIL program.

The goal of the program will be to support the young adult in becoming a self confident, self sufficient young adult by:

- Providing assistance in learning and practicing essential life skills
- Building and utilizing community resources
- Providing assistance in transitioning from foster care to adult independence
- Identifying caring adults within the community for additional support/mentoring.

Young adults selected to participate in SIL will receive the following services from the SIL provider through the utilization of state and community-based agencies and/or organizations with the support of the SIL case manager:

- Room and Board (includes food) (safety within the living environment)
- Rules of the program (develop an agreement with the young adult upon placement) that includes the young adult and provider expectations
- Limited case management (monitoring and discharge planning with a caseworker and the young adult)
- Sharing of information with CPS caseworker
- Minimal supervision (at a minimum monthly face-to-face contact and weekly phone contact)
- Assistance with transportation (can be a bus card, etc.)
- Opportunities to demonstrate life skills and manage expenses
- Minimal allowance to use for personal items and necessary clothing items
- Assistance with developing a budget and tracking use of monies received/earned.
- Educational and/or vocational referrals and support
- Employment referrals and support
- Transition Center referrals (if available in the area)
- Referrals to community resources (clothes, job training, food pantries, and other services provided through Texas 211)

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- Identification of/involvement of volunteer family/individual) (Caring Adult)

The proposed payment rates are attached.

The proposed rates are modeled based on data from the *USDA Expenditures on Children by Families, 2009* for non-housing costs, the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Fall Publication *2010 Utility Bill Comparisons for Selected U.S. Cities*, the Texas Comptroller's Office, National Multi Housing Council and other sources for housing costs. This methodology is in accordance with the SIL rate setting methodology which will be published as proposed in the September 2, 2011 issue of the *Texas Register*.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comments on the proposed rate at 9:30 a.m. on September 1, 2011, 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.

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