

# MEMORANDUM

## Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care Policy \* Survey and Certification Clarification

**TO:** Long Term Care-Regulatory  
Regional Directors and State Office Managers

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**SUBJECT:** Changes Regarding Delivery of Comprehensive Care Services to Individuals Enrolled in the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program (THS-CCP) – **S&CC 04-01**

**APPLIES TO:** All Licensed Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSA)

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This memorandum provides notice of recent legislative changes affecting the delivery of Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP) benefits, a program administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. THSteps-CCP benefits include allowable services not currently covered under the State Medicaid Program (e.g. DME, private duty nursing, prosthesis and orthotics, etc.) as well as expanded coverage of current Medicaid program services subject to limitations (e.g., spell of illness limitations). House Bill 2292, Section 2.204, 78<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, amended Human Resources Code, Chapter 32, by adding §32.067, which became effective September 1, 2003. Following is the new section, wherein “department” means the Texas Health and Human Services Commission:

**§32.067 Delivery of Comprehensive Care Services To Certain Recipients of Medical Assistance.**

- (a) In this section, “certified agency” and “home health service” have the meanings assigned by Section 142.001, Health and Safety Code.
- (b) The department shall assure that any agency licensed to provide home health services under Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, and not only a certified agency licensed under that chapter, may provide home health services to individuals enrolled in the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program.

The new section allows a HCSSA to deliver THSteps-CCP services under either the Licensed Home Health (LHH) or the Licensed and Certified Home Health (LCHH) category of license.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Linda Kotek, HCSSA Program Specialist, Long Term Care-Regulatory Policy, at (512) 438-3158.

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