



COMMISSIONER
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To: Home and Community-based Service Providers
Financial Management Services Agencies
Local Authorities

Subject: Information Letter 13-35
Expiration of Service Limits

Effective December 1, 2011, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) adopted rules that include limits on the amount of certain services an individual may receive and a process for DADS to grant an exception to those limits. The purpose of this information letter is to remind providers that those rules expire August 31, 2013.

Effective September 1, the following will no longer have individual service limits:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Behavioral Support
- Audiology
- Dietary Services
- Social Work
- Supported Home Living

The following service limits that were in place prior to December 1, 2011, will continue:

- Adaptive aids and medical supplies must not exceed \$10,000 per individual and individual plan of care (IPC) year.
- Minor home modifications must not exceed a lifetime maximum of \$7,500 for an individual, and a maximum of \$300 for an individual's IPC year, for repair and maintenance of a minor home modification.
- Respite care must not exceed 30 days for an individual's IPC year.
- Dental services during an IPC year must not exceed a maximum cost of \$1,000 for general dentistry and the services of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and a maximum cost of \$92.85 for dental requisition fees.
- Supported employment must not exceed 150 units for an individual's IPC year.

For any IPC with an effective date of August 31, 2013, or earlier DADS will continue to process requests for service limit exception using Form 5035. The submission of an IPC packet reflecting an effective date of September 1, 2013, or later does not need an accompanying Form 5035 since it is scheduled to be removed from DADS website as of September 1, 2013.

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DADS Access and Intake staff will continue conducting utilization review activities of proposed HCS IPCs in accordance with 40 Texas Administrative Code Section 9.159(c).

If you have any questions regarding this information letter, please contact the HCS mailbox at hcs@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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