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To: Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) Program Providers
Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program Providers

Subject: Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
Provider Services
Information Letter No. 07-95
HCS & TxHmL Cost Ceiling Adjustments

Effective September 1, 2007, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adopted new rates for the HCS and TxHmL Programs. These rates are now posted on the DADS website for the two programs under Communications.

DADS has also calculated new cost ceilings for the HCS and TxHmL Programs based on new rates adopted for the Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR), effective September 1, 2007. If the program provider finds that an Individual Plan of Care (IPC) is placed on hold after entering a revision to the IPC due to this rate increase, contact Geneve Monreal, Manager, Program Enrollment Utilization Review unit in the Mental Retardation Authorities Section, Access and Intake at (512) 438-5003 or geneve.monreal@dads.state.tx.us or Geoff Shute, Program Specialist with the Program Enrollment Utilization Review unit, at (512) 438-5020 or geoff.shute@dads.state.tx.us. You may also leave a message at (512) 438-5055, the general phone line for Program Enrollment.

The new cost ceilings for the TxHmL and HCS Programs, effective September 1, 2007, are as follows:

**Texas Home Living Program
Service Category Limits and Individual Plan of Care (IPC) Cost Ceiling**

Community Support Service Category	\$10,400
Professional and Technical Services Category	\$ 2,600
Annual Total Cost Ceiling	\$13,000

**Home and Community Based Services Program
Individual Plan of Care (IPC) Cost Ceiling**

If an individual's Level of Need (LON) is:	then the 200% IPC cost ceiling is:
PERVASIVE PLUS (9)	\$302,979.20
PERVASIVE (6)	\$168,177.40
EXTENSIVE (8) *	\$157,934.28
LIMITED (5)	\$157,934.28
INTERMITTENT (1)	\$157,934.28

A HCS recipient who has an Extensive LON (LON 8) and needs more than 180 minutes of nursing per week (a "6" is designated on item 40 of the MR\RC assessment) will have his IPC costs compared to the Pervasive LON (LON 6) cost ceiling. In other words, this participant will have a cost ceiling of \$168,177.40 (200% average for a LON 6 in a small facility). The participant's need for more than 180 minutes of nursing services per week must be substantiated through documentation of a medical condition(s) requiring treatment by a licensed nurse.

Note: The ICF/MR annual average per capita cost for all levels of need is \$78,967.75.

If you have any questions concerning the cost ceilings, please contact Anthony C. Howes, Billing and Payment Manager, at (512) 438-3577 or email at anthony.howes@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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