



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSA) and Primary Home Care Provider Agencies

Subject: Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
Chief Financial Officer
Information Letter No. 2008-146
Repeal of the DADS Rule at 40 TAC §49.43 Expedited Payments System

This is to notify providers that the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is in the process of repealing the rule at §49.43 for the expedited payments system.

The expedited payments system was implemented in the early 1980s to expedite claims for eligible provider agencies delivering personal assistance services. At that time, providers had to wait up to 21 days to receive reimbursement. Using the expedited payments system reduced the turnaround time for reimbursement by allowing an agency to receive a substantial portion of payment at the beginning of the month after services were provided.

Since implementation of the Claims Management System in 1999, several improvements have been made to the claims submittal process available to providers. For example, providers can now:

- Submit multiple claims per month instead of submitting only one claim per month;
- Create templates to expedite data entry and avoid duplicate data entry;
- Monitor and immediately resubmit claims denied for payment; and
- Submit unlimited supplemental claims per month.

Due to these improvements, providers are able to receive payment more expediently, generally after five to seven days from the date the billing was submitted to the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Claims Management System. Since the TMHP Claims Management System processes provider claims in a timely fashion, this eliminates the need for §49.43 Expedited Payments System.

The schedule for repeal of §49.43 Expedited Payments System is:

November 13, 2008	Present to Medical Care Advisory Committee
December 10, 2008	Present to Aging and Disability Services Council
January 2009	Publish proposed rules in <i>Texas Register</i>
March 2009	Publish adopted rules in <i>Texas Register</i>
April 2009	Effective date

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Larry North by telephone at (512) 438-3922 or by email at larry.north@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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