



COMMISSIONER  
Chris Traylor

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To: Home and Community-based Services Providers  
Texas Home Living Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-22  
Per Diem Rates Effective February 1, 2011, for the Home and Community-based  
Services and Texas Home Living Programs

Dear Provider,

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved new per diem payment rates for the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) programs effective February 1, 2011.

#### **Payment Rates**

The new HCS payment rates can be accessed through the HHSC Rate Analysis website at the following address: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/programs/rad/mhmr/Hcs.html>

Once you access this website, scroll down to the "Payment Rates" heading and click on the link entitled "February 1, 2011."

The new TxHmL payment rates can be accessed through the HHSC Rate Analysis website at the following address: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/programs/rad/mhmr/Thl.html>

Once you access this website, scroll down to the "Payment Rates" heading and click on the link entitled "February 1, 2011."

Providers who are non-participants in the *Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement* will receive the rates listed on the Base Rate Chart with no enhanced payment rate option. Providers who are participants in the *Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement* will receive the rates that correspond with their level of participation.

Providers participating in the enhancement program who fail to maintain their required spending levels will face recoupment of funds associated with unmet spending requirements. At no time will a participating provider's rates after spending recoupment be less than the base rate.

#### **Claims Submission**

Claims submitted by providers for services provided on or after February 1, 2011, should be prepared using the new per diem payment rates. All claims for services delivered on or after February 1, 2011, will be processed using the new payment rates.

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**For Further Information**

If you have questions regarding the HCS reimbursement rates, please contact Judy Myers at 512-491-1179 or by e-mail at: [judy.myers@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:judy.myers@hhsc.state.tx.us). If you have questions about the *Attendant Compensation Rate Enhancement*, please contact Joyce Adetunji at 512-491-1362 or by e-mail at [joyce.adetunji@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:joyce.adetunji@hhsc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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