



Date: September 8, 2025

To: Assisted Living Facilities (ALF),
Community Attendant Services (CAS),
Community First Choice (CFC),
Community Living Assistance and Support Services-Direct Service
Agency (CLASS-DSA) waiver program,
Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS),
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) waiver program,
Family Care (FC),
Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program,
Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program
(HCBS-AMH),
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual
Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID),
Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSAs),
Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs),
Primary Home Care (PHC),
Residential Care (RC),
Texas Home Living (TxHmL),
STAR Kids and STAR Health Medically Dependant Children's Program
(MDCP),
STAR Kids and STAR Health state plan services, and
STAR+PLUS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Non-
HCBS Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2025-24 (Revised)
Payment Rate Actions for Attendant Services in Various Programs,
effective September 1, 2025. (Replaces IL 2025-17)

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved payment rates effective September 1, 2025, for personal attendant services provided in the following settings and programs:

- Assisted living facilities (ALF);
- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Waiver;
- Community First Choice (CFC);
- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS);
- Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver (DBMD);
- Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program (HCBS-AMH);
- Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCS);
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID);
- Personal Care Services (PCS);
- Primary Home Care (PHC);
- Community Attendant Services (CAS);
- Family Care (FC);
- Residential Care (RC);
- STAR Kids and STAR Health Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP);
- STAR Kids and STAR Health state plan services;
- STAR+PLUS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Non-HCBS programs; and
- Texas Home Living Waiver (TxHmL).

More information about the approved payment rates is available on the [HHSC Provider Finance Department webpage](#).

Payment Rates

HHSC approved payment rate increases in accordance with the 2026-27 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (Article II, Rider 23), which:

- increases the wage for attendants to an average of \$13.00 per hour;
- increases the associated payroll costs, taxes, and benefits percentage to 15 percent for services provided in residential settings and 14 percent for services provided in non-residential settings; and
- provides appropriations to increase the associated administrative rate for personal attendant services by \$0.24 per attendant hour.

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid program. Adopted rates are calculated using established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid state plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. Adopted rates are limited to available appropriations.

Federal Approval

As of August 28, 2025, HHSC has received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of amendments to the 1915(c) waiver applications to implement the changes discussed in this letter with the effective date of September 1, 2025. The waiver programs include CLASS, DBMD, HCS, TxHmL, and MDCP. Therefore, HHSC has implemented the proposed rates to be paid on September 1, 2025.

HHSC is still seeking approval for payment rates from CMS for the Medicaid state plan services listed above. All state plan amendments have been submitted to CMS with a September 1, 2025 effective date. Since state plan amendments can be retroactive, providers can begin billing and be reimbursed the new rates beginning September 1, 2025 for the following state plan services: ICF/IID services, DAHS, PHC, CAS, PCS, and CFC.

On August 29, 2025, HHSC received approval from CMS of an amendment to the 1915(i) state plan HCBS-AMH program to implement the changes discussed in this letter. Therefore, HHSC has implemented the proposed rates to be paid on September 1, 2025.

A Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration waiver amendment was not needed to apply the rate changes to the STAR+PLUS program.

The approved payment rates can be accessed on the [Provider Finance Department, Long-term Services & Supports website](#)

Claims Submission

The claims process will not change for services authorized in units; therefore, providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. No further action is required from providers at this time.

HHSC has also published the following Information Letters regarding the individual plan of care and individual service plans for CLASS, DBMD, HCS and TxHmL providers.

[Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities IL 2025-22](#)

[Community Living Assistance and Support Services IL 2025-23](#)

[Home and Community-based Services IL 2025-21](#)

[Texas Home Living IL 2025-19](#)

Resources

Please contact the HHSC PFD, LTSS Center for Information and Training Team if you have questions regarding this letter at PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov or (737) 867-7817.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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