



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives (CBA)
Home and Community Support Services (HCSS) Providers
CBA Adult Foster Care (AFC) Providers
CBA Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) Providers
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Providers
Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Providers
Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) Providers
Consumer Managed Personal Assistance Services (Consumer Directed Services) Providers
Day Activity and Health Services Providers
Deaf-Blind With Multiple Disabilities (DB-MD) Waiver Providers
Primary Home Care (PHC) Program Providers
Consumer Directed Services Agencies

Subject: Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
Provider Services
Information Letter No. 05-29
Reimbursement **Rates Effective September 1, 2005**

This Information Letter contains information relating to the payment rates for programs authorized by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the programs listed above operated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). The payment rates effective September 1, 2005 incorporate provisions in Senate Bill (SB) 1 regarding the appropriations for community programs for the 2006 and 2007 biennium. SB 1 appropriated amounts to restore the rate reduction of 1.1% that was made effective September 1, 2003. As a result, payment rates for the community-based programs listed above have been increased by 1.1% to the rate level in effect on August 31, 2003.

The HHSC authorized DADS to implement these payment rates effective September 1, 2005. All claims for services delivered on or after September 1, 2005, will be processed using the new payment rates. All claims for services delivered before September 1, 2005, will be processed using the current rates.

The new rates can be accessed at the website listed below under the specific program name and under "payment rate information" for 2006:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/programs/rad/LtcSvs.html>

For information pertaining to rates, please contact the appropriate HHSC Rate Analysis

staff person listed below:

- Victor Perez, Rate Analyst for Community Based Alternatives at 512/491-1375
- Denise Eichstadt, Rate Analyst for Primary Home Care and Medically Dependent Children, at 512/491-1370
- Jerry Plaisance, Rate Analyst for Assisted Living and Residential Care at 512/491-1369
- Luis Morales, Rate Analyst for Day Activity and Health Services at 512/491-1376

For information related to billing for services, please follow your normal procedures.

Sincerely,

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