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To: Residential Care (RC) Program
STAR+PLUS Assisted Living (AL) Providers
STAR+PLUS Personal Care 3 (PC3) Services Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 19-05
Rate Changes for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)
Effective February 1, 2019

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the RC program, STAR+PLUS AL and STAR+PLUS PC3 services. The payment rates effective February 1, 2019.

HHSC is decreasing the facility cost area of the rates for the RC and the AL programs, and PC3 services by \$0.69 per day of service to offset the increase in SSI payments effective February 1, 2019.

HHSC developed the attached fee-for-service payment rates for the RC program and proxy rates for the STAR+PLUS AL program and STAR+PLUS PC3 services in compliance with HHSC's established rate methodologies. Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.509(c)(2)(E)(iv) addresses the reimbursement methodology for the RC program; Section §355.503(c)(2)(B)(v) addresses the reimbursement methodology for STAR+PLUS AL services; and Section §355.503(c)(2)(D)(ii), addresses the reimbursement methodology for STAR+PLUS PC3 services.

The RC, STAR+PLUS AL and STAR+PLUS PC3 rates can be accessed at:
<https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/residential-care-rc>

Claims Submission

Providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. Since the electronic payment system has been updated with the new rates, a retroactive adjustment will occur allowing the new rate for claims beginning February 1, 2019; therefore, no additional action is required by individual providers.

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Please contact the Customer Information Center if you have any questions about the RC rates in this letter at: RAD-LTSS@hsc.state.tx.us or (512) 424-6637. Please contact your contracted Managed Care Organization(s) (MCO) for questions about the STAR+PLUS rates in this letter.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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Attachment

RESIDENTIAL CARE APARTMENT PAYMENT RATES

EFFECTIVE February 1, 2019

Apartment	Payment Rate		
	Attendant Cost Area	Service Support *	Total
Nonparticipant	\$10.78	\$27.48	\$38.26
Participant - Level 1	\$10.83	\$27.48	\$38.31
Participant - Level 2	\$10.88	\$27.48	\$38.36
Participant - Level 3	\$10.93	\$27.48	\$38.41
Participant - Level 4	\$10.98	\$27.48	\$38.46
Participant - Level 5	\$11.03	\$27.48	\$38.51
Participant - Level 6	\$11.08	\$27.48	\$38.56
Participant - Level 7	\$11.13	\$27.48	\$38.61
Participant - Level 8	\$11.18	\$27.48	\$38.66
Participant - Level 9	\$11.23	\$27.48	\$38.71
Participant - Level 10	\$11.28	\$27.48	\$38.76
Participant - Level 11	\$11.33	\$27.48	\$38.81
Participant - Level 12	\$11.38	\$27.48	\$38.86
Participant - Level 13	\$11.43	\$27.48	\$38.91
Participant - Level 14	\$11.48	\$27.48	\$38.96
Participant - Level 15	\$11.53	\$27.48	\$39.01
Participant - Level 16	\$11.58	\$27.48	\$39.06
Participant - Level 17	\$11.63	\$27.48	\$39.11
Participant - Level 18	\$11.68	\$27.48	\$39.16
Participant - Level 19	\$11.73	\$27.48	\$39.21
Participant - Level 20	\$11.78	\$27.48	\$39.26
Participant - Level 21	\$11.83	\$27.48	\$39.31
Participant - Level 22	\$11.88	\$27.48	\$39.36
Participant - Level 23	\$11.93	\$27.48	\$39.41
Participant - Level 24	\$11.98	\$27.48	\$39.46
Participant - Level 25	\$12.03	\$27.48	\$39.51
Participant - Level 26	\$12.08	\$27.48	\$39.56
Participant - Level 27	\$12.13	\$27.48	\$39.61
Participant - Level 28	\$12.18	\$27.48	\$39.66
Participant - Level 29	\$12.23	\$27.48	\$39.71
Participant - Level 30	\$12.28	\$27.48	\$39.76
Participant - Level 31	\$12.33	\$27.48	\$39.81
Participant - Level 32	\$12.38	\$27.48	\$39.86
Participant - Level 33	\$12.43	\$27.48	\$39.91
Participant - Level 34	\$12.48	\$27.48	\$39.96
Participant - Level 35	\$12.53	\$27.48	\$40.01

** Equals the total of Other Direct Care, Administration/Transportation and Facility costs less Room and Board paid by the client.*

	HHSC Paid	Client Paid	Total Rate
Bed Hold Rate	\$6.26	\$16.29	\$22.55

RESIDENTIAL CARE NON- APARTMENT PAYMENT RATES

EFFECTIVE February 1, 2019

Non-Apartment	Payment Rate		
	Attendant Cost Area	Service Support *	Total
Nonparticipant	\$10.78	\$18.82	\$29.60
Participant - Level 1	\$10.83	\$18.82	\$29.65
Participant - Level 2	\$10.88	\$18.82	\$29.70
Participant - Level 3	\$10.93	\$18.82	\$29.75
Participant - Level 4	\$10.98	\$18.82	\$29.80
Participant - Level 5	\$11.03	\$18.82	\$29.85
Participant - Level 6	\$11.08	\$18.82	\$29.90
Participant - Level 7	\$11.13	\$18.82	\$29.95
Participant - Level 8	\$11.18	\$18.82	\$30.00
Participant - Level 9	\$11.23	\$18.82	\$30.05
Participant - Level 10	\$11.28	\$18.82	\$30.10
Participant - Level 11	\$11.33	\$18.82	\$30.15
Participant - Level 12	\$11.38	\$18.82	\$30.20
Participant - Level 13	\$11.43	\$18.82	\$30.25
Participant - Level 14	\$11.48	\$18.82	\$30.30
Participant - Level 15	\$11.53	\$18.82	\$30.35
Participant - Level 16	\$11.58	\$18.82	\$30.40
Participant - Level 17	\$11.63	\$18.82	\$30.45
Participant - Level 18	\$11.68	\$18.82	\$30.50
Participant - Level 19	\$11.73	\$18.82	\$30.55
Participant - Level 20	\$11.78	\$18.82	\$30.60
Participant - Level 21	\$11.83	\$18.82	\$30.65
Participant - Level 22	\$11.88	\$18.82	\$30.70
Participant - Level 23	\$11.93	\$18.82	\$30.75
Participant - Level 24	\$11.98	\$18.82	\$30.80
Participant - Level 25	\$12.03	\$18.82	\$30.85
Participant - Level 26	\$12.08	\$18.82	\$30.90
Participant - Level 27	\$12.13	\$18.82	\$30.95
Participant - Level 28	\$12.18	\$18.82	\$31.00
Participant - Level 29	\$12.23	\$18.82	\$31.05
Participant - Level 30	\$12.28	\$18.82	\$31.10
Participant - Level 31	\$12.33	\$18.82	\$31.15
Participant - Level 32	\$12.38	\$18.82	\$31.20
Participant - Level 33	\$12.43	\$18.82	\$31.25
Participant - Level 34	\$12.48	\$18.82	\$31.30
Participant - Level 35	\$12.53	\$18.82	\$31.35

* Equals the total of Other Direct Care, Administration/Transportation and Facility costs less Room and Board paid by the client.

	HHSC Paid	Client Paid	Total Rate
Bed Hold Rate	\$7.95	\$14.60	\$22.55

STAR+PLUS ASSISTED LIVING
PROXY RATES EFFECTIVE February 1, 2019

Assisted Living Apartment -- Single Occupancy	Payment Rate		
	Attendant Cost Area	Other *	Total
Nonparticipant	\$12.78	\$26.10	\$38.88
Participant Level 1 - AL1	\$28.74	\$35.36	\$64.10
Participant Level 1 - AL2	\$23.90	\$35.24	\$59.14
Participant Level 1 - AL3	\$17.31	\$35.07	\$52.38
Participant Level 1 - AL4	\$19.74	\$35.23	\$54.97
Participant Level 1 - AL5	\$13.76	\$34.98	\$48.74
Participant Level 1 - AL6	\$12.07	\$34.95	\$47.02

Residential Care Apartment -- Double Occupancy	Payment Rate		
	Attendant Cost Area	Other *	Total
Nonparticipant	\$12.78	\$17.05	\$29.83
Participant Level 1 - AL1	\$28.74	\$28.36	\$57.10
Participant Level 1 - AL2	\$23.90	\$28.25	\$52.15
Participant Level 1 - AL3	\$17.31	\$28.08	\$45.39
Participant Level 1 - AL4	\$19.74	\$28.24	\$47.98
Participant Level 1 - AL5	\$13.76	\$28.00	\$41.76
Participant Level 1 - AL6	\$12.07	\$27.96	\$40.03

Residential Care -- Non-Apartment -	Payment Rate		
	Attendant Cost Area	Other *	Total
Nonparticipant	\$12.78	\$7.80	\$20.58
Participant Level 1 - AL1	\$28.74	\$9.81	\$38.55
Participant Level 1 - AL2	\$23.90	\$9.69	\$33.59
Participant Level 1 - AL3	\$17.31	\$9.53	\$26.84
Participant Level 1 - AL4	\$19.74	\$9.68	\$29.42
Participant Level 1 - AL5	\$13.76	\$9.44	\$23.20
Participant Level 1 - AL6	\$12.07	\$9.40	\$21.47

** Equals the total of Other Direct Care, Administration/Transportation and Facility costs less Room and Board of \$22.55 paid by the client.*

For participation rates above Level 1, add the appropriate amount below to the Participant Level 1 rates.

Level	Payment Rate
Participant Level 2	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.05
Participant Level 3	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.10
Participant Level 4	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.15
Participant Level 5	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.20
Participant Level 6	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.25
Participant Level 7	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.30
Participant Level 8	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.35
Participant Level 9	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.40
Participant Level 10	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.45
Participant Level 11	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.50
Participant Level 12	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.55
Participant Level 13	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.60
Participant Level 14	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.65
Participant Level 15	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.70
Participant Level 16	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.75
Participant Level 17	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.80
Participant Level 18	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.85
Participant Level 19	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.90
Participant Level 20	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$.95
Participant Level 21	Payment for Participant Level 1 + 1.00
Participant Level 22	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.05
Participant Level 23	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.10
Participant Level 24	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.15
Participant Level 25	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.20
Participant Level 26	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.25
Participant Level 27	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.30
Participant Level 28	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.35
Participant Level 29	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.40
Participant Level 30	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.45
Participant Level 31	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.50
Participant Level 32	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.55
Participant Level 33	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.60
Participant Level 34	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.65
Participant Level 35	Payment for Participant Level 1 + \$1.70

**STAR+PLUS PERSONAL CARE 3
PROXY RATES EFFECTIVE February 1, 2019**

Rates	Payment Rate *
STAR+PLUS PERSONAL CARE 3 Proxy Rate Effective February 1, 2019	\$66.64

* Does not include Room and Board paid by Client