



Date: June 2, 2020
To: Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Waiver Providers
Subject: Information Letter No. 20-27 (REPLACES IL 20-15)
COVID-19 HCS Interest List Reduction and Promoting Independence Slot Releases

This information letter (IL) replaces IL 20-15, COVID-19 HCS Interest List Reduction Slots, previously issued on April 9, 2020, and revised on April 23, 2020.

HHSC is resuming the release of Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Interest List Reduction Slots starting June 1, 2020. HHSC is continuing releases of HCS Promoting Independence Slots. Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) will request the following HCS Promoting Independence Slots when appropriate:

- Crisis diversion.
- Nursing facility diversion.
- Young adults aging out of foster care.
- Nursing facility transition.
- Nursing facility transition for children.
- SSLC transition.

HHSC will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the release of HCS slots and issue further guidance as needed.

LIDDAs will complete the enrollment process by telephone, telehealth or telemedicine, if possible.

To align with the direction given to LIDDAs, HHSC asks providers to cooperate with LIDDAs to complete HCS enrollments. Providers should complete enrollment activities by telephone, telehealth or telemedicine, if possible.

Questions regarding this guidance may be sent to the email address listed below: enrollmenttransferdischargeinfo@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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