



COMMISSIONER
Chris Traylor

January 24, 2011

To: Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) Providers

Subject: **Information Letter No. 11-16**
Payment Rates Effective February 1, 2011

Dear Provider,

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved new payment rates for Employment Assistance and Supported Employment in the Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) waiver program effective February 1, 2011.

Payment Rates

The new payment rates are as follows:

Employment Assistance	\$33.44
Supported Employment	\$33.44

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

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

Form Revisions

The revised DBMD Individual Plan of Care (IPC), Form 6500 and the IPC Service Delivery Transfer Worksheet (Form 6500T) that include the new employment assistance and supported employment rates are available on the DADS website. DBMD case managers must use the revised forms for all IPC enrollments, IPC renewals, IPC revisions, and transfers made after February 1, 2011 or the effective date of this letter, whichever is later.

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.

For Further Information

If you have questions regarding the DBMD reimbursement rates, please contact Sarah Hambrick at 512-491-1431 or by e-mail at: sarah.hambrick@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Information Letter No. 11-16
January 24, 2011
Page 2

If you have any questions or need additional information related to the policies for DBMD, please contact Kathi Montalbano, Program Specialist, at (512) 438-2622 or kathi.montalbano@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

Pam McDonald
Director, HHSC Rate Analysis for Long-Term Services and Supports