



COMMISSIONER
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 09-13
Medicaid Hospice Physician Rate Changes

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Medicaid hospice program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 based on information provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The new rates are effective for dates of service January 1, 2009 forward.

Physician rates are different for children and adults. Texas has traditionally paid the over 21 rate. Please refer to the Rate Fee Schedule for "Physicians" at the following link for a listing of rates that are specific to each age category and use the rates under the category of age 21 and over. The rates for the category of under 21 will be implemented at a later date:
<http://www.tmhp.com/FeeSchedules/Presentation/Views/FeeSchedules.aspx>.

Providers can access Medicaid Hospice forms and instructions, information letters and policy clarifications at: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/Hospice/index.cfm>.

Please call Provider Claims Services at (512) 438-2200 for questions regarding billing and payments for hospice services.

Sincerely,

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