



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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To: Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICFs/IID) Program Providers
Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs)

Subject: Information Letter No. 16-39—Add-on reimbursement rates for certain individuals with high medical needs (HMN) who transition from a Medicaid-certified nursing facility (NF)

Effective May 24, 2016, ICF/IID providers can access add-on reimbursement rates for certain individuals with high medical needs (HMN) who transition to a non-state operated ICF/IID directly from a Medicaid-certified NF. While the rate was available in May 2016, the full program implementation was not complete until now.

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, [§355.456](#), only ICFs/IID with a Medicaid-certified capacity of 13 or fewer individuals are eligible.

Three tiers of add-on rates are available based on an individual's needs. To meet the criteria for an HMN add-on rate, an individual must meet both of the following:

- Have a current [Form 8578, Intellectual Disability/Related Condition Assessment \(ID/RC\)](#), showing the individual receives at least 181 minutes of face-to-face nursing services per week as indicated by a nursing frequency code of "6" on Item 40
- Meet the resource utilization group (RUG) value in one of the qualifying categories determined through the current minimum data set (MDS) and verified by a HHSC registered nurse

The designated LIDDA is responsible for identifying and referring an individual who potentially qualifies for an HMN add-on rate. A LIDDA can make this referral at any time.

To make a referral or request verification of a RUG value, the LIDDA, with assistance from the nursing facility's nursing staff, must complete [Form 1570, Request for Medical Need Assessment or Verification of RUG-III Category](#). Then the form is submitted to the HHSC HMN mailbox at HmnServices@dads.state.tx.us.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please send these requests to the HHSC HMN mailbox at HmnServices@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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