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Requirements for Attendant Base Wages

Dear Valued Providers:

The 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act provided funding to HHSC to support this increase and fully fund the attendant compensation rate enhancement programs for community care and intellectual and developmental disability providers.

Effective September 1, 2019, the base wage paid to a “personal attendant” increased to \$8.11 per hour. This includes personal attendant services delivered in the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option.

CDS employer budgets should be adjusted to reflect the increase in funding from the General Appropriations Act to support the base wage increase for the appropriate services, as reflected in corresponding HHSC fee-for-service rates.

Resources:

HHSC Long-term Services & Supports Rate Analysis:

- Community First Choice (CFC) Payment Rate Information - <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/community-first-choice-cfc>
- Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Payment Rate Information - <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/community-based-alternatives-cba>
- Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) Payment Rate Information – <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/long-term-services-supports/medically-dependent-children-program-mdcp>
- Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Fee Schedule: <http://public.tmhp.com/FeeSchedules/Default.aspx>

If you have questions, contact or you may also contact our Provider Services at 1-877-653-0331 Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.