

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**HHSC Adopts Proposed Payment Rates for Home-Delivered Meals (HDM)
provided under Title III of the Older Americans Act or Title XX of the
Social Security Act, Effective September 1, 2023**

Background:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved the payment rate for HDMs to be effective September 1, 2023.

HDM provides hot, nutritious meals that are delivered to clients' homes. The 2024-25 General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article II, Rider 87 increases the rate for HDM.

HHSC approved these rates through our regular public hearing process on July 11, 2023. The adopted payment rates, effective September 1, 2023, can be accessed on the [PFD webpage](#)

Key Details:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved the payment for HDM in the STAR+PLUS program effective September 1, 2023.

The approved payment rates have been posted and can be accessed on the [Provider Finance Department webpage](#).

HHSC has also issued an Information Letter for providers and it has been attached to this notice.

Additional Information:

For Fee-for-Service claims, Providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process. Individual providers require no additional action. HHSC has updated the claiming system to reflect the new adopted rate. Claims with a service date on or after September 1, 2023, will be processed with the new adopted rate.

For Managed Care claims, providers should continue to bill using their normal billing process in consultation with their managed care organization.

Resources:

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