



Wage Increase for Attendants

Background

Effective September 1, 2019, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) advised the STAR Kids program to increase personal attendant base wages to \$8.11 per hour for the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option. **HHSC received full funding to support this increase for 2020-2021 from the General Appropriations Act.** This increase covers programs from community care and intellectual and developmental disability providers.

Reminder

Our system will continue to reflect the reimbursement rate increase and pay personal attendant services at or above \$8.11 per hour for services rendered in the CDS option. CDS adjusted employer budgets for this change.

This requirement applies to the following type of services:

- Personal Care Services (PCS)
- Community First Choice (CFC) services (including PCS-CFC and acquisition, maintenance, and enhancement of skills); and
- MDCP in-home respite and flexible family support services

Who is funding the increase?

General Appropriations Act is funding the increase of base wage for the appropriate services and HHSC fee-for-service rates.

Resources:

[HHSC Long-term Services & Supports Rate Analysis](#)

- [Community First Choice \(CFC\) Payment Rate Information](#)
- [Community Based Alternatives \(CBA\) Payment Rate Information](#)
- [Medically Dependent Children Program \(MDCP\) Payment Rate Information](#)

Additional information:

For more information, contact CDS@hhsc.state.tx.us

Have questions?

You can contact our BCBSTX Medicaid provider call center at 1-877-560-8055 or contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Provider Network Representative at 1-855-212-1615.

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