

# Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed Interim Reimbursement Rates for the State Veterans Nursing Homes, effective State Fiscal Year 2024 Agenda

## February 27, 2024 – 9:00 am

John H. Winters Building, Public Hearing Room 125W, First Floor  
701 W. 51st Street, Austin, TX  
78751

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**Hearing.** The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed interim payment rates for State Veterans Homes, effective state fiscal year 2024. The hearing will occur on February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the HHSC John H. Winters Building, Public Hearing Room 125W, First Floor, at 701 W. 51st Street, Austin, TX 78751.

HHSC proposes increased interim rates for State Veterans Nursing Homes for state fiscal year 2024, effective retroactive to September 1, 2023.

This hearing will be conducted both in-person and as an online event. To join the hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, register for the hearing in advance using the following link:

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**Proposal.** State Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Interim Reimbursement Rates for the State Veterans Nursing Homes, effective September 1, 2023.

HHSC is proposing these interim rates to provide adequate funds to serve the individuals in these facilities. The proposed interim rates account for actual and projected cost increases to operate these facilities.

**Methodology and Justification.** HHSC maintains a program so Medicaid-eligible veterans can reside in State Veteran's Nursing Homes. Currently, eight homes are in operation, overseen by the Veterans Land Board (VLB). The VLB is authorized to operate these nursing facilities under Chapter 164, Natural Resources Code.

Interim rates are calculated by the VLB and adopted by HHSC.

**Briefing Packet.** A briefing packet describing the proposed payment rates will be available on the [Provider Finance Department webpage \[https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets\]](https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets) no later than February 9, 2024. Interested parties may also obtain a copy of the briefing packet on or after that date by contacting HHSC Provider Finance by telephone at (737) 867-7817, fax at (512) 730-7475, or email at [PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov \[mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov\]](mailto:PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov).

**Written Comments.** Written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

**U.S. Mail**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400  
P.O. Box 149030  
Austin, Texas 78714-9030

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Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400  
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