

Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program

Overview

The Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP) is a statewide program that provides for increased Medicaid payments to hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services provided to persons with Medicaid. Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) receive additional funding through their monthly capitation rate from HHSC and are directed to increase payment rates for participating hospitals. As designed, eligible hospitals receive a percent increase paid on claims submitted to a Medicaid MCO. CHIRP's purpose is to advance goals and objectives in the state's Medicaid quality strategy by incentivizing improved quality and access for hospitals that serve persons with Medicaid.

Enrollment

SFY2022: The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces enrollment for the Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP). The [application](#) should take about 10-15 minutes to complete and is for the eligibility period from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. A PDF version of the application is available [here](#) (.pdf).

SFY2023: The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces enrollment for the Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP) from March 2, 2022, through March 22, 2022. The [application](#) should take about 10-15 minutes to complete and is for the eligibility period from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. A PDF version of the application is available [here](#) (.pdf).

CHIRP Application Fee

HHSC will be collecting an application fee of \$8,500 for FY2023 for CHIRP to defray the cost of administering the program. This application fee will apply to all non-public hospitals who choose to participate in the program. As outlined in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, §353.1301(I), "To the extent authorized under state and federal law, HHSC will collect the state's cost of administering a program authorized under this subchapter from participants in the program generating the costs."

As CHIRP is not yet approved, no payment is due at the time of the submission of the application. Upon the approval of CHIRP, HHSC will notify providers of the deadline to submit the application fee. If no payment is received by the deadline for submission of the application fee, your hospital will be removed from CHIRP and will be ineligible for payment.

Payment must be made in the manner determined by HHSC and in compliance with payment instructions that will be posted on the HHSC Provider Finance Department website.

Methodology/Rules

HHSC has adopted new §353.1306, concerning Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program for program periods on or after September 1, 2021; and new §353.1307, concerning Quality Metrics and Required Reporting Used to Evaluate the Success of the CHIRP. The new rules were published in the March 26, 2021 issue of the Texas Register and became effective on March 28, 2021. The final rules are available here: [§353.1306](#) and [§353.1307](#).

Modeling

HHSC is providing the CHIRP modeling for example purposes only; these are not the final program values. The program values are subject to changes based on actual enrollment, data changes and approval issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The CHIRP modeling is updated to reflect the final rules and is available [here](#) (.pdf) (excel version of the file [here](#) (.xlsx)) and the summary visualizations of the modeling are available [here](#) (.pdf).

Suggested IGT

Suggested Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) amounts per provider is available [here](#) (.pdf), and excel file can be located [here](#) (.xlsx). **(Updated 11/02/2021)**
IGT Commitment form is available [here](#) (.pdf), and excel file can be located [here](#) (.xlsx).