

Primary Care Provider Rate Increase Delayed

Texas will be increasing Medicaid primary care rates, including those for certain physician visits and vaccine administration, as quickly as possible. However, the state did not receive final federal regulations on the rate increase until November 1, 2012. This was too late to allow the state to meet the January 1, 2013 implementation date authorized in the Affordable Care Act. Once the state increases primary care rates, we will make retroactive payments for the increase for providers and services that qualify under the federal regulations. The state is working with the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to obtain federal approval for the state's plan to increase primary care rates. We will continue to keep providers informed of the process and timeline.