

Texas Identification Number (TIN) Conversion Notification/Announcement

Effective March 3, 2014, the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) will convert all Texas Identification Numbers (TIN) that are based on a Social Security Number (SSN) to a new format. The current TIN, which begins with a "2" followed by the individual's SSN, will be converted to a new TIN consisting of a randomly assigned number that begins with a "7." Providers will notice the new "7" TIN on paper warrants as well as addenda records for direct deposit payments beginning on March 3, 2014.

This change will only affect individuals, state employees, and sole proprietorship business owners whose TIN is based on their SSN, rather than their Employer Identification Number (EIN). Entities such as partnerships, corporations, professional associations, government entities, and sole proprietorship business owners who have their TIN set up with their EIN will not be affected by this conversion.

The Health and Human Services Agencies' (e.g., Department of Aging and Disability Services [DADS], Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services [DARS], Department of Family and Protective Services [DFPS], Department of State Health Services [DSHS], and Health and Human Services Commission [HHSC], etc.) Accounting Departments will not require vendors to know the new TIN when calling with payment inquiries as it is possible to research payments by SSN. Additionally, the CPA's online "Search State Payments Issued" application will still utilize the provider's EIN or SSN for search execution.