

DSHS Rulemaking Process

DSHS staff initiates new rule or rule revision due to state statute, federal requirement, executive initiative, citizen petition, or stakeholder input

Stakeholders and/or appropriate Advisory Committee consider draft rule and provide input

DSHS staff reviews comments from stakeholders and/or Advisory Committee and revises draft rule as appropriate

State Health Services Council meets to receive public testimony on proposed rule and makes recommendations to DSHS Commissioner and HHSC Executive Commissioner

HHSC Executive Commissioner reviews and approves proposed rule for publication

Proposed rules published in *Texas Register*
Public Comment Period – at least 30 days from date of publication

DSHS staff reviews public comments and revises rule as needed

DSHS submits rule and public comments to HHSC Executive Commissioner for approval of final rule

After approval, DSHS files adopted rule in *Texas Register* and rule becomes effective 20 days after filing, unless a later date is specified