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**To:** Executive Directors and Behavioral Health Directors,  
Local Mental Health Authorities Substance Abuse Providers, ValueOptions and North  
Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

**From:** Trina Ita, MA, LPC Director *(TIta)*  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section

**Re:** Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH)

**Overview:**

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announces a provider forum for Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH). Potential providers will receive detailed program information and will be given an opportunity to ask program specific questions. HCBS-AMH is designed to provide home and community-based services to adults with extended tenure in state mental health facilities who no longer require an inpatient level of care. HCBS-AMH provides an array of specialized supports and services, appropriate to each individual's needs, to enable individuals to live and experience successful tenure in their community.

DSHS will administer the HCBS-AMH program. This includes initial and on-going independent assessment; evaluation, and enrollment of individuals; quality assurance; reporting; HCBS-AMH provider recruitment and enrollment; and claims payment and program oversight.

Please visit the HCBS-AMH website for an overview of the program and a list of services and service descriptions: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/hcbs-amh/>

Current payment rates have been posted effective May 1, 2014. A comprehensive overview of the rate schedules can be located at: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/long-term-svcs/amh/index.shtml>

**Open Enrollment:**

DSHS will contract with HCBS-AMH Provider Agencies and Recovery Management Entities through an open enrollment (OE) process. Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) require conflict free case management, therefore, Recovery Management must be provided independently of all other HCBS-AMH services. DSHS will contract with HCBS-AMH Recovery Management Entities and HCBS-AMH Provider Agencies through a separate OE and independent provider agreement.

Specific details regarding the OE will not be provided in this forum. DSHS will be working with Health and Human Services Commission's Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS)

Division in the enrollment of providers. PCS will be the point of contact for the procurement of the OE.

**Provider Forum Details:**

- Location: San Antonio State Hospital
- Date: November 5, 2014
- Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Interested providers should contact the HCBS-AMH provider outreach coordinator, Amy Pedersen, at [amy.pedersen@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:amy.pedersen@dshs.state.tx.us) to RSVP and get instructions on location details.

A HCBS-AMH provider forum via webinar will be offered on November 12, 2014 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am (CST) for potential providers who are unable to travel to San Antonio. Please email Amy Pedersen at [amy.pedersen@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:amy.pedersen@dshs.state.tx.us) if you would like to participate in this webinar.

For general program questions, please contact the HCBS-AMH team at [HCBS-AMH@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:HCBS-AMH@dshs.state.tx.us). Thank you and we look forward to working with you.