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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
Executive Directors
Behavioral Health Directors
Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO)
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)
Home and Community Based – Adult Mental Health Providers (HCBS-AMH)

From: Trina Ita, Director 
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Re: Home and Community Based-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) Program Updates

Purpose:

This correspondence provides notification of Home and Community Based-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) program policy updates. Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has updated the provider manual and billing guidelines to reflect policy changes regarding the expanded target populations, the unit and rate for HCBS-AMH peer support, as well as additional updates.

HCBS-AMH Program Updates:

Peer Support service in HCBS-AMH changed from \$12.00/hour to \$6.25/15 minutes, effective July 1, 2016.

To view the rates for HCBS-AMH services:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/long-term-svcs/amh/index.shtml>

There have been substantive policy changes to the provider manual and billing guidelines related to the expanded target population and feedback from external stakeholders.

To view the complete change log and HCBS-AMH provider manual document:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/hcbs-amh/Manuals.aspx>

To view the complete change log and HCBS-AMH billing guidelines document:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/hcbs-amh/billing/>

Contact

For questions, comments, or further information regarding the HCBS-AMH provider manual, please contact Robert Johnson at Roberth.Johnson@dshs.state.tx.us

For questions, comments, or further information regarding the HCBS-AMH billing guidelines, please contact Tabitha Anastasi at Tabitha.Anastasi@dshs.state.tx.us