

#44	<p><b>Rate Increases: Intermediate Care Facilities and Certain Waiver Providers.</b> (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to HHSC in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, is <b>\$42,665,000 in General Revenue and \$68,207,077 in Federal Funds for the 2020-21 biennium to provide for rate increases for intermediate care facilities and certain waiver providers, allocated as follows:</b></p> <p>(1) <b>\$10,018,488</b> in General Revenue and \$15,454,404 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2020 and \$10,966,874 in General Revenue and \$17,878,140 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2021 in <b>Strategy A.3.1, Home and Community-based Services (HCS)</b>, to increase the factor for HCS providers from 4.4 percent to 7.0 percent for facility-based services and to provide a rate increase with the intent that the additional funds be spent for the benefit of direct care staff, including direct care staff wages;</p> <p>(2) <b>\$5,000,000 in General Revenue</b> and \$7,712,942 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue and \$8,150,973 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2021 in <b>Strategy A.2.7, Intermediate Care Facilities - IID (ICFs/IID)</b>, to provide a rate increase for ICFs/IID with the intent that the additional funds be spent for the benefit of direct care staff, including direct care staff wages;</p> <p>(3) \$336,323 in General Revenue and \$518,807 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2020 and \$343,315 in General Revenue and \$559,670 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2021 in <b>Strategy A.3.3, Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)</b>, to fully fund all rates for DBMD providers; and</p> <p>(4) <b>\$6,317,103</b> in General Revenue and \$10,298,107 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2021 in Strategy A.3.1, <b>Home and Community-based Services</b>, and \$4,682,897 in General Revenue and \$7,634,034 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2021 in Strategy A.2.7, <b>Intermediate Care Facilities - IID</b>, to create separate categories in the rate enhancement programs serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to group services based on the number of attendant hours included in the billing unit and, as funds are available, to increase participation in those rate enhancement programs.</p> <p>(b) It is the intent of the legislature that HHSC also increase the factor from 4.4 percent to 7.0 percent for facility-based services in the Texas Home Living waiver and Day Activity and Health Services.</p> <p>(c) HHSC shall develop the new categories pursuant to subsection (a)(4) of this rider no later than September 1, 2020.</p>
#45	<p><b>Information on Funding Provided for Attendant Wages and Rate Enhancements.</b> Included in amounts appropriated above to HHSC in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, and Strategy F.1.2, Non-Medicaid Services, is \$33,600,000 in General Revenue and \$53,483,409 in Federal Funds <b>for an increase in the base wage of personal attendants to \$8.11 per hour in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.</b> Also included in amounts appropriated above to HHSC in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, is an additional \$9,100,000 in General Revenue and \$14,438,615 in Federal Funds for the 2020-21 biennium <b>to fully fund the rate enhancement programs for community care and intellectual and developmental disabilities providers.</b></p>