



Private Providers
Association of Texas

Please help us ensure quality of care and a stable provider network: support this **Transitional Rate Adjustment** in the state budget for 2010 and 2011!

1. CSSB 1 Section 48 sets the stage to significantly expand community living options for people with intellectual disabilities and calls on MRAs and HCS Providers across the state to make the changes necessary for this to happen.
2. The MRAs and HCS Providers want to make this work in a way that ensures consumers, families, lawmakers and other stakeholders can be confident in the quality of care available in the community.

As you consider supporting this request, please keep in mind:

- The cost to provide HCS Services is already above the rate in most essential service areas. HHSC recommended a rate increase to address inflationary costs in its Consolidated Budget Request; however, this rate increase was not funded in the Article II budgets as proposed by either the Senate or the House.
- This transitional funding covers the loss of funds for HCS Providers as the necessary funds are transferred to cover MRA Case Management.
- An HCS Provider coordinates day-to-day services for consumer—the CM function of an MRA provides oversight to plans of care and ensures people are provided the services they need—there is tremendous value in both functions and each requires adequate funding.
- The proposed changes in the rate structure in September 2009 already place many providers at risk—providers who are important to meeting the increased service demand in the community.

Please invest \$24 million dollars to stabilize the HCS Provider system over the next two years and ensure providers have the capacity to develop services and provide quality care for our state's most vulnerable citizens—and direct the distribution of these funds to administer Foster Care, Supported Home Living and Residential Services.

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