

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCS) PROGRAM

Service Description	The HCS Program for persons with mental retardation provides individualized services to people living in their family's home, their own homes, or other community settings such as small group homes where no more than four persons live.
Funding Authority	Waiver Program authorized under Section 1915(c) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
Covered Services	Include: • Case management • Adaptive aids • Minor home modifications • Counseling and therapies (includes audiology, speech/language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dietary services, social work and psychology) • Dental treatment • Nursing • Residential assistance • Respite • Day habilitation • Supported employment
Client Eligibility	To be eligible for the HCS Program, a person must: • be eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) or be in one of the optional categorical coverage groups as specified in the HCS Program Waiver Renewal Request 2003-2008; • qualify for an ICF/MR Level of Care (LOC) 1 or qualify for an ICF/MR LOC VIII and have been determined by Texas Department of Human Services to have mental retardation or a related condition, need specialized services, and be inappropriately placed in a Medicaid certified nursing facility; • have a determination of mental retardation in accordance with state law or have been diagnosed by a physician as having a related condition; • have an Individual Plan of Care for waiver services which does not exceed the dollar limit for services and have made a choice of the HCS Program over the ICF/MR Program; and • not be enrolled in another 1915(c) wavier program
Provider Base	Community MHMR Centers and Private providers

Reimbursement Methodology	Fee for service
Geographic Availability	Statewide
Provider Qualifications	HCS Program provider must be certified by the TDMHMR Waiver Survey and Certification office
Monitoring	An HCS Program provider's certification must be renewed annually through a certification visit prior to the expiration of the current certification period.
Sanctions	Contract cancellation; suspension of payment
	Local Contact To seek enrollment, contact the local Mental Retardation Authority regarding consumer referrals and waiting list registration. To find the proper mental retardation authority access the following website: http://www.mhmr.state.tx.us/MentalRetardationServices/MentalRetardationServices.asp?strMRA=1
Department Contact	Beverly.sawyer@mhmr.state.tx.us