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## **Update about UHRIP Changes for State FY 2020**

HHSC proposed changes to the Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP) to take effect in March. Per federal requirements, HHSC submitted documents describing the proposed program changes to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to request their approval. Unfortunately, CMS has not reached a decision about the proposed changes. At this point in time, HHSC cannot implement the UHRIP program changes without CMS's approval. The two changes HHSC will not be able to move forward with at this time are:

1. Adding funds to UHRIP as a result of a decrease in Uncompensated Care payments from prior years. The decrease stems from agreements between HHSC and CMS to account for an overpayment from another supplemental payment program in which the state used to participate.
2. Adding Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD) as a provider eligible to participate in UHRIP was a proposal priority. Previously, only a free-standing psychiatric hospitals for children were the only free-standing psychiatric hospital eligible for UHRIP participation. Texas would like to encourage access for behavioral health services statewide for all eligible persons with Medicaid by increasing payment rates for these services.

Because HHSC cannot implement the planned changes to UHRIP for the second half of this program year, HHSC will continue to operate the UHRIP program as described in the UHRIP pre-print previously approved by CMS. HHSC continues to work on the planned changes but cannot commit to when these changes will occur.

HHSC will identify the impact to intergovernmental transfer (IGT) funds that were submitted in anticipation of the rate changes that were to take effect on March 1, 2020. HHSC will recalculate IGT needs based upon the continuation of the rates as they were for the first half of the program year and will determine the amount of IGT refunds and to

whom. Lastly, HHSC will identify if there are any additional IGT-related matters that need to be addressed. Communication regarding IGT will be distributed on Friday, February 7, 2020.



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