

## CMS APPROVAL PENDING FOR CHIRP PAYMENTS

09/05/2024

### SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION

HHSC must receive approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to including Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP) add-ons into MCO capitation rates.

### KEY DETAILS

CHIRP for FY25 has not yet been approved by CMS. HHSC is working closely with CMS toward program approval and will provide updates as they become available. HHSC will provide further direction on expectations once approval has been received.

### ACTION

MCOs should not make CHIRP payments to providers until the program is approved and HHSC has notified MCOs that payments must begin. Once CHIRP payments have been approved by CMS, MCOs will be required to make payments and reprocess claims with dates of service starting September 1, 2024.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

September 2024 capitation payments will not include CHIRP add-ons. Once approved, HHSC will incorporate the payments as soon as possible, including catch-up payments for prior months. For retroactive capitation changes, a reconciliation will take place after the caseload has finalized.

### RESOURCES

MCOs may visit [Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program | Provider Finance Department \(texas.gov\)](#) for more information.