



LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Information Technology (IT) Supporting the Texas Medicaid Program

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SB 1, Rider 6, Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership

Executive Steering Committee

The Executive Commissioner or his or her designee shall chair the TMHP Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Membership of the Committee shall include similar executive level representatives, including the Chief Financial Officer, Information Resource Manager, technology sponsors, project managers, project contractors, staff of the Legislative Budget Board, and members of the Quality Assurance Team (QAT).

Oversight

The ESC meets monthly on the following, but not limited to;

- Status of Current Technology Projects (schedule, budget, scope, and quality)
- Review Project Change Order Response (CORs)
- Current and Planned Procurements
- Status of Vendor Performance and Liquidated Damages

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Section 9.01, GAA (Purchases of Information Resources Technologies)

HHSC required submission of information related to IT Projects.

- Requires submission of Biennial Operating Plans and Amendments.
- Requires submission of contract(s) of \$10.0 million or greater for QAT review related to major information resources projects.
- Requires submission of contract amendments for review by the Quality Assurance Team (QAT) if the contract increases by ten percent or more.
- QAT is an interagency team with members from Department of Information Resources, Comptroller's Office, Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office (Advisory). QAT's main responsibility is to monitor risk in major information resource projects with values over \$5.0 million. Currently QAT is monitoring over sixty-one IT projects valued at approximately \$1.2 billion.

Information Technology

Section 9.02, GAA (Quality Assurance Review of Major Information Resources Projects)

HHSC required submission of information related to IT Projects.

- Requires submission of Texas Project Delivery Framework for major information resources projects.
- Requires submission of project monitoring reports and any Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) activities performed by an agency that is not under the control of the agency that is developing the software.
- Requires submission of contract(s) \$10.0 million or greater for QAT review related to major information resources projects.
- Requires submission of contract amendments for QAT review if the contract increases by ten percent or more.
- Requires submission of Post Implementation report six months after completion.

Information Technology and Data Services Modernization Plan

HHSC Rider 175, Eighty-sixth Texas Legislature

Regular Session, 2019

HHSC Information Technology and Data Services Modernization Plan

- 10-year system-wide plan that identifies the transition of information technology and data-related services and capabilities into a more modern, integrated, secure, and effective environment to leverage better technologies to improve service for the public.
- This is a ten-year plan that outlines specific goals, objectives, deliverables that aligns with the current HHSC System Strategic Plan and system priorities.
- HHSC is planning moving Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) out of the Austin Riata data center to the state data center in San Angelo. This move may be over several biennia according to HHSC and is expected to have the opportunity to modernize the system, incorporate stronger security and obtain better system performance. Moving the system is anticipated to be less expensive than maintaining the current environment.