

**Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies  
Summary of Recommendations – Senate**

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**Sec. Modification of Existing Riders (new section number)**

4. **Federal Match Assumptions and Limitations on Use of Available General Revenue.** Recommendations align provision with Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Enhanced FMAP (EFMAP), and value of enhanced matches assumed for the 2020-21 biennium. Obsolete program references are removed.
6. **Limitations on Transfer Authority.** Recommendations limit transfers between HHSC and DSHS, and clarify that the Executive Commissioner of HHSC may only initiate transfers under this provision between HHSC and DSHS, not within an agency.
7. **Medicaid Informational Rider.** Recommendations update provision with funding recommendations for the 2020-21 biennium.
8. **Caseload and Expenditure Reporting Requirements.** Recommendations clarify the types of reports HHSC should submit to the LBB and Governor's Office relating to projected caseloads and required expenditure amounts. Recommendations also remove unnecessary restrictions relating to the reporting requirements.
12. **Professional Trainees and Interns.** Recommendations add language to clarify certain positions listed in the provision are exempt from Article IX, Sec. 2.01, Position Classification Plan.
14. **Rate Limitations and Reporting Requirements.** Recommendations clarify that requirements only apply to HHSC and DSHS. Recommendations allow new or increased rates for orphan drugs expected to have minimal fiscal impacts to be included in quarterly notifications. Recommendations remove the requirement that rate changes require separate notification or approval be included in quarterly notifications.
15. **Locality Pay.** Recommendations update references to include all health and human services agencies and continue authority provided in previous biennia to pay a salary supplement to certain employees.
16. **Limitation: Expenditure and Transfer of Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements.** Recommendations update strategy allocations and identify new DSHS strategies where recommendations include Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements Account No. 709 for the 2020-21 biennium. The amount assumed has also been reduced from the 2018-19 level.
17. **Use of Trauma Fund Receipts.** Recommendations modify provision to reflect funding recommendations for the 2020-21 biennium.
22. **Revolving Petty Cash Fund.** Recommendations align provision with correct program reference.
23. **Surplus Property.** Recommendation updates reference to the exempted Article IX provision.
28. **Transfers of Appropriations – State Owned Hospitals.** Recommendations update funding for the 2020-21 biennium.

**Sec. Riders Deleted from Special Provisions but Moved to Agency Bill Patterns (original section number)**

- 15. **Transfer Authority Related to the Texas Home Living Waiver.** Recommendations delete provision and move to HHSC's bill pattern since content of provision applies only to HHSC. (See HHSC Rider 109).
- 20. **Health Insurance Providers Fee.** Recommendations delete provision and move requirement to HHSC because the direction applies only to HHSC. (See HHSC Rider 19).

**Sec. New Riders**

- 30. **Appropriation of Local Funds.** Recommendations transfer identical requirements at all HHS agencies into a new provision continuing the unexpended balance authority for certain funds provided in previous biennia.
- 31. **Reporting of Child Abuse.** Recommendations transfer identical requirements at the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission into a new provision, applicable to all HHS agencies, continuing the limitation of providing and distributing appropriated funds only to recipients who show good faith efforts to comply with child abuse guidelines and requirements.

**Sec. Deleted Riders (original section number)**

- 13. **Limitation on Unexpended Balances: General Revenue for Medicaid.** Recommendations delete rider because it is duplicative with Article IX, Section 14.05 – Unexpended Balance Authority Between Fiscal Years within the Same Biennium and other riders within the HHSC's bill pattern.
- 16. **HHS Office Consolidation and Co-location.** Recommendations delete provision because this is existing agency practice.
- 18. **Early Elective Deliveries.** Recommendations delete one-time reporting requirement.
- 23. **Waiver Program Cost Limits.** Recommendations delete provision because the limitations fall under agency rulemaking authority and the agency was directed to incorporate the limitations into the Texas Administrative Code during the 2018-19 biennium.
- 24. **Nurse Home Visiting Programs.** Recommendations delete provision as it refers to actions specific to the 2018-19 biennium.
- 25. **Review and Report: Health and Human Services System and Managed Care.** Recommendations delete provision for one-time reporting requirement.
- 26. **Administrative Savings in the Health and Human Services System.** Recommendations delete provision for one-time reporting requirement.
- 27. **Medicaid and Medicare Collections.** Recommendations delete provision because it is duplicative of existing agency practice and requirements to maximize the use of federal funding.

40. **Transfer Authority Related to Health and Human Services Consolidation.** Recommendations delete provision related to transfers of full-time equivalents to further support consolidation of administration services, which was completed in fiscal year 2018 and incorporated into 2020-21 recommendations.
41. **Office of the Ombudsman.** Recommendations delete provision because it is duplicative of the Health and Human Services practice within the Office of the Ombudsman.