

HOME CARE BUDGET PACKAGE



TAHC&H thanks you for your support of the home care community, providers, and attendants by ensuring access to care for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and children with complex medical needs in the most cost-effective service delivery model: the home. The actions you have taken in the budget process have made great strides forward, and we are grateful. We appreciate that the process is ongoing and extend our gratitude for the Conferees' tireless work.

Community Care

Going forward, we ask that you please support a comprehensive solution for community care services provided in the home that has the greatest impact on increasing the attendant's average wage. Taking a comprehensive approach that considers both the House and Senate items will help stabilize the industry workforce crisis and achieve the best outcome.

House	Senate	Conference Recommendation
Rider was adopted in Article II to increase Service Supports by 19 percent and ACRE by \$0.04 a level	Increased base wage to \$11/hr.	Adopt full House Article II Service Supports and ACRE AND Senate base wage of \$11/hr.

Private Duty Nursing

Increased funding for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) is of utmost importance. This service is a cost containment item that if properly funded will save the state millions in preventable hospital expenditures. Texas Managed Care Organizations have piloted rates above current Medicaid funding levels to achieve access to care. They have confirmed through these pilots that 40% above current Medicaid funding achieves successful staffing outcomes and reduces potentially preventable admissions, readmissions, and emergency department visits; however, they are unable to continue these efforts unfunded.

PDN services in the home is the most appropriate setting for eligible medically complex children and their families and funding PDN rate increases at 40% has proven successful in keeping children healthy at home with their families.

House	Senate	Conference Recommendation
Rider adopted in Article II at 1/2 the original funding amount	Rider Sent to Article 11	Adopt no less than House Article II