

# CORRECTING ELECTRONIC VISITS VERIFICATION

INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY



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Electronic Visits Verification (EVV) is a computer-based system that electronically documents and verifies service delivery information, such as date, time, service type and location, for certain Medicaid service visits. Unfortunately, the state requires proprietary EVV systems, which is creating unnecessary challenges for home care providers.

**HB 4627, introduced by Rep. Stephanie Klick this legislative session, provides a technical correction that will allow providers to achieve a true open model system for EVV, increasing efficiency for the state and flexibility for providers.**

## BENEFITS OF A TECHNICAL EVV CORRECTION

1. Mitigate risk of data integrity issues caused by proprietary system vendors.
2. Limit state costs for reimbursement of Alternate EVV Pool Systems to the EVV pricing paid to the Single State EVV Vendor, with no additional costs added to the HHSC budget.
3. Deliver cost-savings — Alternate EVV Pool Systems will contract directly with the state EVV System Manager and HHSC, qualified to be considered as part of the 75% federal government's EVV cost matching.
4. Create firsthand oversight by the state, as alternate vendors would be contracted directly.

**The purpose of HB 4627 is to correct language that adds additional administrative burdens and restricts HHSC's ability to implement a true open model system.**



Language in the current EVV rule causes extraneous administrative processes for HHSC to work with systems that aren't directly contracted with the state.

A simple language revision will allow HHSC to approve all EVV vendors who meet the set qualifications and maintain oversight, increasing standardization and reliability. The update will give agencies a choice from several vendors who are already approved and greatly reduce time for the approval and implementation process for providers.