

# COMMUNITY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL & STRATEGIC PLAN

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## SB 663 and HB 1798 Support a Sustainable Community Care System

In order to address the long standing problem of inadequate community care funding that has a direct impact on workforce and client access to care, HHSC must create a viable and sustainable payment methodology. The purpose of SB 663 and HB 1798 is to:

1. Require HHSC to create a home and community-based services payment advisory committee.
2. Require HHSC to develop and implement a strategic plan to ensure network adequacy to fully capture cost-savings of community-based programs.

## SB 663 and HB 1798 Would Require HHSC To:

- Establish a home and community-based services advisory committee to:
  - Collaborate with stakeholders to develop a sustainable community care payment methodology
  - Encourage programs that would incentivize payment for improved quality and cost-effective care
  - Evaluate and recommend program efficiencies to reduce costs
  - Evaluate and make recommendations on the HHSC community care strategic plan
- Collaborate with stakeholders to develop and implement a strategic plan to ensure enrollees have adequate access to home and community-based services provided by a home and community support services agency.

## Why Support SB 663 and HB 1798?

- HHSC has already established a Hospital Payment Advisory Committee, as well as a Nursing Home Payment Advisory Committee, and both have proven their value in obtaining industry engagement in solutions to complex issues surrounding payments.
- Given the outsized role community care plays in Medicaid, ensuring a thorough strategic plan is in place to prepare for a growing and aging Texas will help avoid the current crisis providers of community care services are facing.

## Support the Community Care Advisory Council and Access to Community Care