

TxHmL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Home Living is responsive to a provision of Executive Order RP 13 directing the Texas Health and Human Service Commission to work with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to develop a new "selected essential services waiver" which was the original name for this program.

The new waiver will serve individuals with mental retardation who do not require out-of-home residential services.

A portion of the general revenue funds currently used by the 41 local mental retardation authorities (MRAs) to provide community-based services will be redirected as state matching funds to provide services and supports under the new waiver for some individuals currently receiving general revenue funded services.

The general revenue made available through gaining federal matching funds will enable TDMHMR to create additional placements in the program for some of the individuals now registered on the waiting list for the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Program.

TxHmL Waiver Implementation, beginning June 1, 2004. On June 1st, a new refinancing initiative will begin. The federal government has approved a TDMHMR plan for a new Medicaid-funded program called the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Waiver.

[An estimated 1,262 individuals currently receiving GR-funded supports and services will be refinanced into the TxHmL Waiver Program.]



TxHmL PROGRAM SERVICES

The services and supports available through the TxHmL Program are divided into two service categories.

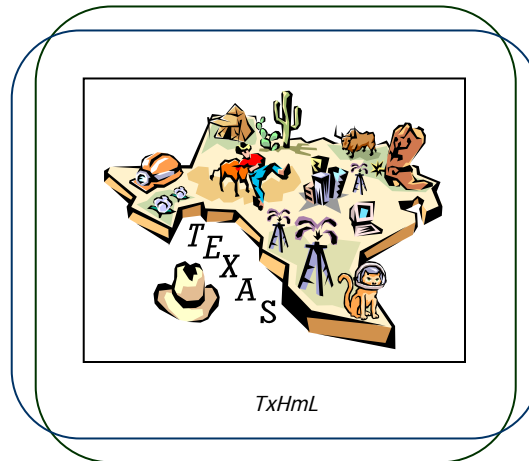
Each service category is made of several TxHmL Program service components. Each service category has an annual cost limit called a service category limit.

This means that the annual cost of one or more service components in a service category must not exceed the service category limit unless TDMHMR has approved a request to increase a service category limit.

Even if TDMHMR gives permission to go over a service category limit, the total cost of an individual's TxHmL services must not be more than \$13,000.00 per year.

This means that the combined yearly cost of all the service components in the two service categories must not be more than \$13,000.00 per year.

The service components included in each service category, along with annual service category limits, are listed in the brochure in the service category and component chart.



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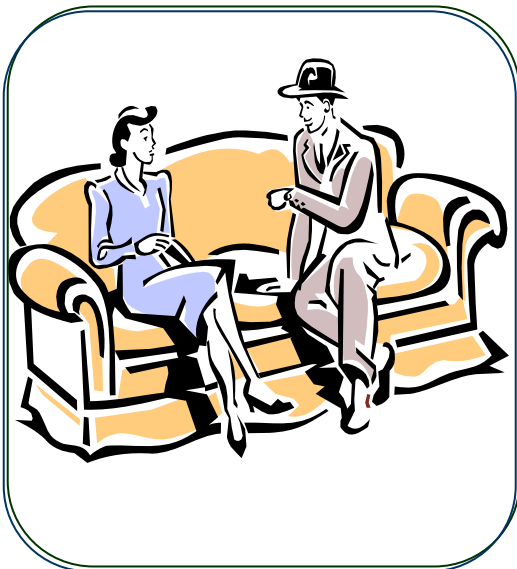


Waiver Program

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Houston, Texas
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ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ Has mental retardation or a related condition and meets the criteria for a Level of Care I in an intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation;
- ❖ Is a current Medicaid recipient (i.e., has a Medicaid card);
- ❖ Does not require intensive one-to-one supervision to prevent dangerous behavior;
- ❖ Has an Individual Plan of Care (IPC) approved by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR);
- ❖ Is not enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program (such as the Class Program or the Medically Dependent Children Program);
- ❖ Chooses to participate in the TxHmL program instead of the ICF-MR Program; and
- ❖ Lives in his or her own home or family home.



TxHmL SERVICE CATEGORIES AND SERVICE COMPONENTS

<p>Community Living Supports Annual Service Category Limit=\$10,400</p>	<p>Professional & Technical Supports Annual Service Category Limit=\$2,600</p>
<p>Community Support Day Habilitation Employment Assistance Supported Employment Respite</p>	<p>Skilled Nursing Behavioral Support Physical & Occupational Therapy Dietary Speech & Language Pathology Audiology Minor Home Modifications* Adaptive Aids* Dental Treatment*</p>
<p>Service component cost limits. TDMHMR will not approve a request to exceed these service components cost limits: Minor Home Modifications are limited to life-time maximum of \$7,500. Once that life-time maximum is reached, \$300 per year may be used for additional modifications or repairs of modifications. Adaptive Aids are limited to \$6,000 per year. Dental Treatment is limited to \$1,000 per year.</p>	

Texas Home Living Program

SERVICE COORDINATION

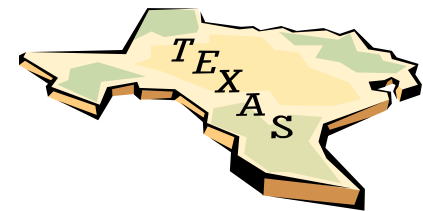
You will have a service coordinator who works for the local community mental health and mental retardation center to help you plan your services.

The service coordinator is interested only in what services and supports you need to help you continue to live in your own home or your family home.

The service coordinator helps you or your family set up a service planning team that will develop a service plan.

The team is made up for you, your guardian or family members, and other people you choose.

Together the service planning team selects the TxHmL services that are needed and necessary to reach the outcomes or goals you or your representatives have identified. Your plan will identify services and supports you need from the TxHmL Program and those you may be getting from other people or programs.



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