

## **September 2011 Changes to Rates and Benefits and to the OFL and Static Fee Schedules**

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Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, changes to some benefits and rates, including outpatient hospital services, will be implemented for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. The changes are the result of the spending reduction plan and overall budget appropriations that are part of House Bill 1, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

Additionally, beginning September 1, 2011, the Online Fee Lookup (OFL) and static fee schedules available on this website will display fees after applicable rate reductions have been applied. Currently, the OFL and static fee schedules do not reflect all rate reductions, and providers must calculate the 1- and 2-percent reductions that were previously implemented.

Details of the benefits and rate changes and changes to the OFL and static fee schedules will be provided in future articles.

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