

# Provider Network News

## Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP) Payments and Claims Reprocessing

### Background

CHIRP is a statewide directed payment program that provides for increased Medicaid payments to hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services provided to adults and children enrolled in the STAR and STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care programs.

On September 13, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the CHIRP for state fiscal year (SFY) 2025. **The approval is retroactive to September 1, 2024.**

### Key Details

Effective December 1, 2024, HHSC will amend [Attachments B-6 and B-6.1](#) of the STAR and STAR+PLUS contracts to update the CHIRP provider rate increases for SFY 2025.

Effective September 1, 2024, STAR and STAR+PLUS CHIRP rates will no longer be identical. FY2025 capitation will be amended accordingly, retroactive to September 1, 2024. December capitation payments made through PPS will also include provision for September through November. As usual for retroactive capitation changes, a reconciliation will take place after caseload has finalized.

The revised CHIRP STAR and STAR+PLUS percentages in Attachments B-6 and B-6.1 apply to all CHIRP-eligible hospital claims for dates of service on and after September 1, 2024

### Action

Effective December 1, 2024, PCHP will reprocess hospital claims for STAR and STAR+PLUS members with dates of service on and after September 1, 2024, according to Attachments B-6 and B-6.1.

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### Resource:

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/medicaid-business-resources/medicaid-chip-directed-payment-programs/comprehensive-hospital-increase-reimbursement-program-chirp>

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