



Texas Rehab Providers' Council

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TXRPC News

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Save The Date!!!

TXRPC's Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, at the Omni Colonnade Hotel, on August 7th, 8th and 9th of this year. Details and registration forms will be coming in the next few weeks, but please mark your calendars and reserve these dates. Following are a few things you can expect out of this year's conference:

3 tracks...Business, Technical CEU and Billing...tracks for owners/managers, RTS's, and billing personnel

Thursday Evening Reception...face time with your peers and vendor representatives from across the state

Medicaid Panel discussion...face to face time with Medicaid representatives. We anticipate many discussion items for this year. Medicaid contacts have specifically requested this opportunity (Refer to the January 2008 Newsletter).

More cost effective conference registration and hotel rooms this year... lower prices... greater bang for your dollar, and the ability to bring more staff for education in their appropriate fields!

Agency Liaison

Your Agency Liaison Committee will be meeting with HHSC and TMHP in March and are asking for your help with issues. We need your comments, concerns, and trends. Even more importantly, we need some specific examples of issues you are having problems with, especially recurring problems. We are trying to tabulate these issues, but need to hear from you with specifics to help address the problems. Please contact Foster Davis at FosterTXRPC@aol.com or Michael Bird at mbird8338@aol.com with these issues so that we can help bring them to the forefront.

Membership

There are still a few members who have not paid their 2007-08 dues. If you have overlooked or postponed that payment, please send it now. Our primary mission of supporting Rehab in dealing with Texas Medicaid relies on YOU. This year TXRPC will participate in the review of all Medicaid Medical Equipment policies. Don't miss the chance to have vital input! We appreciate your support, and your dues are vital to supporting the organization and furthering the goals of the rehab provider in Texas.





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DME Delivery Form faxed to TMHP after March 1st:

You should have received an attached form to an email from FosterTXRPC@aol.com mentioning that on and after March 1st 2008 any equipment with an aggregate total at one delivery of over \$2,500 must have a DME Delivery Form signed by the beneficiary, caregiver or parent. This form must be faxed to TMHP in order to get paid for that claim.

TXRPC contributes information to Children's Policy Council

Mary Klentzman of the Children's Policy Council requested and received from TXRPC a document outlining all of the continuous challenges equipment providers are facing to provide equipment for the disabled children of Texas. Mary presented this information to a group of legislatures who are very concerned about the ramifications and are willing to support the cause to help rectify these limitations.

Do You want a Copy of the Contract between HHSC and the Texas Medicaid HMO's?

If you want a copy of the contract that is used between HHSC and the TX MEDICIAD HMO's email FosterTXRPC@aol.com and request a copy.

If an RTS does measurements - PT/OT can co-sign in agreement

TXRPC sent an email: "TMHP is now pending requests for equipment based on a rule posted in the 2007 Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, section 24.5.22.4: which requires that the Doctor or PT/OT do the measurements. TXRPC received confirmation from TMHP; that the form would be compliant as long as the PT/OT cosigned on the measurement form that she/he agreed with the measurements taken by the RTS.

