



Senate Bill 2021

The City of Houston supports the Senate passed version of Senate Bill 2021, which has several changes from the original version.

The bill is **NOT** an expansion of Medicaid or Medicaid services and has **NO** fiscal note.

Senate Bill 2021 relates to services that are already reimbursable by Medicaid within the traditional Medicaid payment model offered by Local Health Department.

These public health services are designed to prevent higher cost interventions, address and promote public health and safety and assure population level health improvements across the state. Services include, but are not limited to:

1. Immunization (Clinical Services/Administration)
2. Sexually Transmitted Diseases identification, diagnosis and treatment
3. School and community-based programming (Vision services, etc.)
4. Environmental Health Services
5. Tuberculosis identification, diagnosis and treatment
6. Chronic disease (screening, monitoring and self-management)
7. Dental care
8. Care Transition programs
9. Enhanced services (Care Coordination, Telehealth, Home visitation, Reminder Recall, Health Education, Provider Technical Assistance, Super utilizer services)

Senate Bill 2021 instructs Health & Human Services Commission to establish a designated provider type for Local Health Departments that Managed Care Organizations are required to recognize for reimbursement. The current MCO billing codes do not list local health departments as a provider type.

SB 2021 would provide a solution that would require MCOs to update their contracts and panels to include local health departments as a provider type that can seek payments just like other providers.

Again, Senate Bill 2021 has NO fiscal note. Dollars are already allocated to Managed Care Organizations to cover Medicaid patients; this bill just makes sure Local Health Departments can access those dollars for public health services.