

Home and Community Support Service Agencies (HCSSA)
Rule Revisions for Clients with Complex Needs, Training Sessions
Offered by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

In July and August the Department of Aging and Disability Services provided training and updates on licensing rules and contract requirements regarding accepting individuals with complex needs for services in the following 1915(c) Medicaid waiver programs:

- Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP)
- Community Based Alternatives (CBA)
- Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)

HCSSA licensure rules in 40 TAC, chapter 97, in particular, §97.401(b) were clarified as they relate to individuals with complex needs. The training sessions, each ½ day in length, were offered as a follow up to a Provider Letter 07-06 from DADS of June 20, 2007. This 10-page letter may be viewed in its entirety at the following link:

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/communications/2007/letters/IL2007-06.pdf>

Board practice consultant, Carol Marshall MSN RN, attended the 3 training sessions in Austin at the request of DADS staff as several questions regarding RN delegation of tasks in independent living environments had arisen during earlier training sessions around the State. Clarification of BON rules 224 and 225 relating to RN delegation were provided in response to questions from DADS surveyors as well as providers of Medicaid Waiver Programs under HCSSA.

Additional information available on DADS web site that may be of interest with regard to the history behind the current efforts with complex needs individuals is as follows:

Promoting Independence Initiative: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pi/index.html>

Money Follows the Person:

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pi/mfp_demonstration/index.html

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