



## OVERVIEW

### SHARS Policy Draft – May 2025 Update

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has posted a draft update to the SHARS policy, now open for public comment through **June 8, 2025**.

This is a **targeted review**, focusing on:

- **Audiology Services** – Adds new billing codes and clarifies referral requirements.
- **Personal Care Services (PCS)** – Broadens who can verify provider qualifications.

Other SHARS services (nursing, OT/PT, speech, etc.) are **not included in this review**, though some language appears for context.

### Key Points:

- PCS changes may reduce burden by expanding who can document staff readiness.
- Stakeholders have raised questions about clarity, administrative load, and the next steps in policy development.
- **TASB has submitted questions** to HHSC regarding process, public comment opportunities, and whether the policy will be added to the TMPPM or TAC.
- **TASB will provide additional details** once we have completed further review and research.

**Districts are encouraged to review the draft and consider submitting comments before June 8.**

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