

WE MAKE SHARS EASY...

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NEW 2012 COST REPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT

School districts that received interim federal reimbursements for the 2012 SHARS Cost Report period must submit a 2012 SHARS Cost Report on or before April 1, 2013. If the required Cost Report is not submitted by the due date the district will be required to return the total federal funds received.

Attendance of 2012 SHARS Cost Report Training is mandatory.

Preparers must complete cost report training every other year for the odd-year cost report in order to receive training credit to complete both that odd-year cost report and the following even-year cost report. To have full access to prepare a 2012 SHARS Cost Report, the preparer must either: (1) have

completed SHARS cost report training for the 2011 cost report, or (2) must attend SHARS cost report training for the 2012 cost report. No exemptions from the cost report training requirements will be granted. SHARS financial Contacts that attended and received credit for the 2011 SHARS cost report training will automatically be assigned "full access" to the 2012 cost report once the report is opened (January 2013). SHARS financial contacts that have not met the training will have "view only" access. Full access will be granted after the cost report training requirement has been met.

At a minimum, the SHARS Financial Contact who will prepare the online 2012 Cost Report and a contact

from the Special Education office should attend the training.

It is highly recommended that more than one district contact attend training.

Information regarding the 2012 SHARS Cost Report and SHARS Cost Report Training sessions can be found on the HHSC Rate Analysis Department website located at the link below.

Look under the "Reporting Information" and "Training Information for Cost Reporting" sections.

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/acute-care/shars/shars-2012-training.shtml>

If you have any questions, please contact the SHARS Rate Analyst at HHSC at :

RA_SHARS@hhsc.state.tx.us

or at (512) 491-1361

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FMAP CHANGE TOOK EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2012

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will change from

58.22 percent to 59.30 percent. The FMAP change affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims. For these

providers, reimbursement will be reduced to match the change in the FMAP.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

WINTER TCASE 2013

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter TCASE 2013 from January 22-23rd at the downtown Hilton, in Austin, TX.

Please feel free to come by and enjoy our refreshments, relaxation station as well as enter a raffle for one of our wonderful door prizes.

We will be raffling two COACH purses. One will be presented to a director that is interested meeting with a

TSBS Representative. The other serves as our Director appreciation prize for districts that are currently with TSBS. An Amazon gift card and Ice Tea pitcher set will be up for raffle as well.

TSBS will also be sponsoring the Preconference seminar.

Come by, say hi and bring anyone that you feel may benefit from our services.

We look forward to seeing you.

Two COACH raffle prizes

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99% of the SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

That use TECS Services Agree the Value is Worth The Investment

Tom Tafel and Amber Paige will be speaking at the monthly VASBO on February 13, 2013 at the Cimarron Country Club in Mission, Tx.

The topic being covered will be the discussion of the

upcoming Cost Report for the SHARS Medicaid Program. They hope to stimulate questions on topics which will increase the districts' ability to document all legitimate costs of their Special Education program. Updates

from this year's training webinars will also be presented.

The program will run approximately thirty minutes.



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Our goal is to provide exceptional customer service while maximizing SHARS returns and minimizing the workload for your district. We commit to superior service, online SHARS billing technology and expert SHARS consultation.



TASBO AND COASTAL BEND TASBO

TSBS will be attending the 67th annual TASBO being held in San Antonio, TX, February 18-22nd 2013 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention.

Please stop by our booth to say hello and interact with some of our knowledgeable staff.

Stasia Lewis and Nikki Petre, two seasoned TSBS representatives, will be presenting at the Coastal Bend TASBO on February 13, 2013 concerning the SHARS program and how TSBS can be an asset to districts.

The presentation will last from 9:30am-11:30am.

If you are in the area, bring a friend and sit in on this presentation. See what we can do for you!



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