

# CORRECTING ELECTRONIC VISITS VERIFICATION

INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY



Electronic Visits Verification (EVV) is a computer-based system that electronically documents and verifies service delivery information, such as date, time, service type and location, for certain Medicaid service visits.

*SB 1334 and HB 3355 provide a **technical correction** that will allow providers to achieve a **true open model system for EVV**, increasing efficiency for the state and flexibility for providers.*

## BENEFITS OF A TECHNICAL EVV CORRECTION

1. Mitigate risk of data integrity issues caused by proprietary system vendors.
2. Limit state costs for reimbursement of Alternate EVV Pool Systems to the EVV pricing of the same transaction cost paid to the Single State EVV Vendor ensuring no additional costs added to the HHSC budget.
3. Deliver cost-savings — Alternate EVV Pool Systems will contract directly with the state EVV System Manager and HHSC, qualified to be considered as part of the 75% federal government's EVV cost matching.
4. Create firsthand oversight by the state, as alternate vendors would be contracted directly.

The purpose of SB 1334 and HB 3355 are to correct language that limits HHSC's ability to implement a true open model system that removes the administrative burdens providers are required to use.



The current EVV language creates additional administrative procedures for HHSC to work with systems other than the state contracted system, leading to a backlog for approvals and exponentially increasing costs for providers. Language revisions would allow HHSC to create a standardized set of criteria for all EVV vendors, ensure agencies the choice of vendors, and maintain oversight of vendors approved by HHSC.