



TEXAS ASSOCIATION *of* COUNTIES HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL

Notice to Enrollees in the TAC HEBP Group Health Plan

Group health plans sponsored by a local government entity such as the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) must generally comply with Federal law requirements in Title XXVII of the Public Health Services Act. However, TAC HEBP is permitted to elect to be exempt from the requirement listed below because TAC HEBP's plan is "self-funded", rather than provided through a health insurance policy. TAC HEBP has elected to be exempt from the following requirement:

- Protections against having benefits for mental health and substance use disorders be subject to more restrictions than apply to medical and surgical benefits covered by the plan.

The exemption from this Federal requirement will be in effect for the plan year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. The election may be renewed for subsequent years.