

New resource for families searching for waiver providers

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has unveiled a new on-line resource that provides information to families that are seeking to find qualified local providers of Medicaid Waiver services including HCS, CLASS and Texas Home Living services. The information can be found at the following web address:

<http://facilityquality.dads.state.tx.us>

This site offers families a way to compare providers on the basis of data compiled in the DADS Quality Reporting System (QRS). All providers that DADS contracts with may be identified by county or zip code. The following is provided for each waiver provider:

- The provider's administrative address and phone number
- A listing of waiver services offered by the provider
- Total number of individuals served by the provider in the provider's contract area. Note: Many DADS contracts cover a multi-county area. Zero denotes that the provider has received a contract to provide waiver services but currently serves no individuals
- Violations of the waiver certification standards noted in the most recent local inspection
- 36 month history of past regulatory compliance noting specific compliance deficiencies and steps taken to resolve the deficiencies

This QRS information can help families as they seek to evaluate providers offering waiver services in their communities.