

# TRS-ActiveCare HEALTH PLANS MOVE TO REGIONAL PRICING



**TRS-ActiveCare health plan premiums have always been the same across Texas. But that's changing.**

Beginning Sept. 1, 2022, how much you pay will be based on the costs of health care where you live.

## Why regional pricing?

Prices for almost everything vary from place to place, and health care is no different. Regional pricing localizes premium rates to where you work.

## What are the regions?

TRS based the regions on the Education Service Centers (ESC). Your region will be the same as the ESC where you work. If you're not sure of your ESC, use the Texas Education Agency's [search tool](#) to find it.

## Why are health care costs different in different areas?

The main reasons health care costs are different from place to place are:

- demographics of the local population
- type of care the population needs
- number of doctors and hospitals in the area
- how much local providers and hospitals charge for medical services

For example, if your region has a high rate of chemotherapy treatments, this could make costs higher than costs in a region where that service isn't common.

## How does this affect my benefits?

Only your premium may change based on where you work. Everything else about TRS-ActiveCare health plans will stay the same. You'll still have all the Texas-sized benefits that come with your TRS-ActiveCare health plan, plus:

- **personalized care** with benefits that customize your health care to your needs
- **more in-network doctors than any other health plan** so you can see more providers in more places
- **90% of Texas hospitals in-network** to give you more choices for care
- **the flexibility to see any in-network doctor in Texas**, no matter where you work
- **a nationwide network plan option** so you can see doctors across state lines



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