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## Banner Messages for All of the 2016 R&S Reports

This file contains abbreviated messages meant to provide timely notifications that affect all provider groups (physicians, dentists, and so forth). Expanded articles are posted on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). This file provides links to the expanded articles. Short, complete messages will not have links to the website.

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### Total Messages (All for 2016)

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#### 1 (01/08/16 through 01/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

Effective for dates of services on or after November 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes were presented at a public rate hearing on November 12, 2015.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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#### 2 (01/08/16 through 01/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\*

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, some providers may receive additional reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) devices.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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#### 3 (01/08/16 through 01/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Dental Providers\*\*\*\*\*

Reminder: Beginning January 1, 2016, procedure codes D0120, D0145, and D0150 will be denied if procedure code D0601, D0602, or D0603 is not submitted on the same claim.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**4 (01/08/16 through 01/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid Vendor Drug Program (VDP) is returning messages to pharmacies on paid claims if the prescribing provider is not compliant with Affordable Care Act (ACA) re-enrollment in Texas Medicaid. The messages will not be returned if the prescriber is ACA compliant.

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

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**5 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\***

The agenda for both the Thursday, January 14, 2016, Drug Utilization Review Board meeting and the Friday, January 15, 2016, Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee meeting are available on the Vendor Drug Program website. The Vendor Drug Program website also includes the schedule of future meetings and instructions for testifying and submitting written materials for consideration by both advisory committees.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**6 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\***

The Texas Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee met November 6, 2015, to make decisions about which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List. The list of decisions is available, along with other meeting documents, at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**7 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid, Family Planning Program, and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 29, 2016, Texas Medicaid 270/271 Eligibility Inquiry/Response will contain updates to align with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) X12 5010 standard.

Note: This information applies to all transactions submitted to TMHP including, but not limited to, Texas Medicaid Acute and Long Term Care, CSHCN Services Program, and Family Planning.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**8 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Child Health Record (CHR) forms and the accompanying instructions are updated to reflect November 1, 2015 policy changes.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.TMHP.com](http://www.TMHP.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**9 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to an article titled “Reimbursement Rate Changes for Some Procedure Codes to Be Effective November 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016, for Texas Medicaid,” which was published on the TMHP website on January 4, 2016. The Pathology and Laboratory Services - Microbiology and Diagnostic and Therapeutic Breast Procedures tables in the article did not list all fees.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**10 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, for sleep studies polysomnography procedure codes 95782 and 95783. Some claims may have been denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**11 (1/07/16-1/29/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\***

Effective January 7, 2016, non-profit entities with a 501(c)(3) designation are exempt from the requirement to disclose persons with ownership interest on Texas Medicaid enrollment applications. When enrolling in Texas Medicaid, non-profit entities that have a 501(c)(3) designation should complete the Disclosure of Ownership form by listing officers or directors that have a control interest in the entity and managing employees. Since there will be no entries for any person with an ownership interest, then the percentage of ownership will always be less than 100 percent. Applications will not be found deficient for having less than 100 percent ownership.

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

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**12 (01/15/16-2/1/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\***

The February 15, 2016, release of the Texas National Drug Codes-to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk will include the termination date of the National Drug Codes (NDC) associated with procedure code J3490 (“unclassified drugs”). Providers should refer to the Vendor Drug Program website for the list of the NDCs that are terminating.

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

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**13 (01/15/16 - 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday March 13, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. During the system maintenance window, all applications and functions will be unavailable.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**14 (01/15/16 through 01/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, January 18, 2016, is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, January 22, 2016.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**15 (01/15/16 through 02/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Providers must clearly cite the correct reference number on a fax cover sheet when submitting additional information for pending prior authorization requests.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**16 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled, "Definition of a Provider Enrollment 'Complete Application,'" which was published on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). The phrase "if required" was added to the last bullet in the original article: "Documentation of fingerprints of a provider or any person with a 5 percent or more direct or indirect ownership in the provider, if required."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**17 (01/22/16-2/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 7, 2016, additional long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products will be available as a pharmacy benefit of Texas Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP). These LARC products will only become available through a limited number of specialty pharmacies that work with LARC manufacturers. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**18 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Providers are reminded to bill for the appropriate hearing aid ancillary procedure codes in addition to the actual monaural and binaural hearing aid procedure codes.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**19 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 25, 2016, procedure code 69205 will become a benefit for physicians or clinic/group practices when surgical and ambulatory surgical center services are rendered in an inpatient or an outpatient hospital setting to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients of all ages.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**20 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Blood Product's procedure codes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**21 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, benefit criteria for pathology and laboratory services-hematology and coagulation will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**22 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after February 1, 2016, benefit criteria for pathology and laboratory services for hematology and coagulation will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**23 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, benefit criteria for pathology and laboratory services-organ or disease oriented panels will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**24 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide was updated to include diagnosis codes Z0000 and Z0001. Additional updates were made.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.TMHP.com](http://www.TMHP.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**25 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced that the previous March 24, 2016 deadline for Medicaid provider re-enrollment is extended to Sept. 25, 2016. Though this extension gives states additional time to ensure providers comply with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirements, Texas Medicaid encourages all providers who have not yet submitted a re-enrollment application to begin this process immediately in order to avoid potential payment disruptions. Additional information will be announced in the coming weeks to assist providers who are working on the re-enrollment process.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**26 (01/15/16 through 02/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after February 1, 2016, benefit criteria for pathology and laboratory services for organ or disease oriented panels will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**27 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, for orthopedic-related claims that have a diagnosis code with a seventh character specific to subsequent encounters with “routine healing” or aftercare. Some claims were possibly denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**28 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, diagnosis codes Z00110 and Z00111 will become benefits for Texas Health Steps preventive care medical checkups.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**29 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On January 31, 2016, the first quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will implement for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**30 (02/05/15 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the ASC X12 270/271 Acute Care and Long Term Care Companion Guides. The Example Transaction is updated to reflect the operating rules of the Council of Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE). The guides are now available on the TMHP website on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) web page.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**31 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, “DME Enrollment Updates Effective January 1, 2016,” which was posted on the TMHP website November 13, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**32 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

Reminder: Texas Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program providers must submit both Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) units and National Drug Code (NDC) units on any drug claims submitted for outpatient clinician-administered drugs.

HCPCS units measure the strength of the drug administered, while NDC units measure the quantity or volume of the drug administered. Providers must submit the strength of the drug administered to the client, as this is the HCPCS unit. Providers must also submit the quantity/volume of the drug administered by using the calculated HCPCS unit to determine the correct NDC unit.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**33 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with some providers experiencing technical difficulties when attempting to fax documents to TMHP offices. This may be due to a recent installation of a new fax machine or switching from an analog line to a digital line, which can cause issues if not configured correctly.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**34 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

The January 15, 2016, release of the Texas National Drug Code to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk (Texas NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk - third quarter 2015) contains the termination date of February 15, 2016, for over 4,000 National Drug Codes (NDC) previously associated with procedure code J3490. These NDCs have been identified as “incident to” services and are not appropriately billed using this code.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**35 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, procedure code 58555 will no longer be diagnosis-restricted. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**36 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board approved the October 22, 2015, meeting minutes during its meeting on January 14, 2016. The minutes, and other meeting documents, are available at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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



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**37 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee approved the November 6, 2015, meeting minutes during its final meeting on January 15, 2016. The minutes, and other meeting documents, are available at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**38 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Managed Transportation Organization (MTO) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The revised 837P Managed Transportation Organization (MTO) Companion Guide is now available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**39 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention <> Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2015, the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) speech therapist fee schedule is no longer available.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**40 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid, DSHS Family Planning and Expanded Primary Healthcare Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts procedure code J7303 for Texas Medicaid, DSHS Family Planning, and the Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) Programs. Procedure code J7303 was incorrectly limited to two services per year. Effective December 31, 2015, the limitation has been updated to allow 18 per 12 rolling months.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**41 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, section 31.2.18.8, "Preventive Care Services." Additional immunization information is available.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**42 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 1, 2016, TMHP will make a new prior authorization form for all therapy services available to providers. The new form and instructions are titled "Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form," and "Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form Instructions."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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



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**43 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid, Family Planning Program, and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As previously communicated, effective January 29, 2016, Texas Medicaid 270/271 Eligibility Inquiry/Responses contain updates to align with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) X12 5010 standard. This information applies to all transactions submitted to TMHP including, but not limited to, Texas Medicaid Acute and Long Term Care, CSHCN Services Program, and Family Planning.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126, Option 3.

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**44 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning February 19, 2016, TMHP will release electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to depository financial institutions on Fridays instead of Thursdays. For example, the payment for the third week of February will be released Friday, February 19, instead of Thursday, February 18. Deposited funds will be available for withdrawal the Saturday or Monday morning following the completed financial cycle depending on the processes and procedures of individual financial institutions for receiving EFT payments.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**45 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, policy for physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech therapy (ST) will change for Texas Medicaid clients who are 21 years of age and older.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**46 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, policy for physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech therapy (ST) will change for the Texas Medicaid Comprehensive Care Program (CCP).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**47 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will retroactively add National Drug Codes (NDCs) to the February 2016 version of the NDC-to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) crosswalk for new procedure codes J7297 and J7298.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**48 (02/12/16 through 02/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, February 15, 2016, is Presidents Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, February 19, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**49 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled, "Additional Diagnosis Codes Payable for THSteps Preventive Care Medical Checkups," which was published on the TMHP website January 28, 2016. The procedure codes and associated client age guidelines are updated, and the information about diagnosis code Z23 is revised to now include all preventive care medical checkups.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**50 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects some inpatient hospital claims submitted with dates of discharge on or after October 1, 2015.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**51 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program will implement the H.P. Acthar clinical prior authorization criteria on March 8, 2016, for fee-for-service Medicaid clients. The criteria were approved by the Drug Utilization Review Board on November 20, 2014. The criteria guide is currently available online for review.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**52 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Dental Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, procedure code D3220 will be limited to once per lifetime, per primary tooth.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**53 (02/19/15 through 03/11/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 1, 2016, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, changes, and deletions, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Reminder: Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until they are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**54 (02/19/15 through 03/11/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to the article titled, "Update to DME Enrollment Updates Effective January 1, 2016," which was posted on the TMHP website on January 29, 2016.

The previously referenced article titled, "DME Enrollment Updates Effective January 1, 2016," was published on November 13, 2015, not November 13, 2016.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**55 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Medical Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: All mammography providers must be certified by the Bureau of Radiation Control (BRC). Providers are required to possess a mammography certification in order to render mammography services. The certification must be retained in the provider's records. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) issues mammography certification to providers.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**56 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide. Vaccine procedure codes 90703 and 90721 were removed under the column titled "Immunizations Administered." The updated document is available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**57 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 1, 2016, Texas Medicaid and the CSHCN Services Program will allow providers to use electronic or digital signatures when submitting prior authorization or authorization requests to TMHP for processing. Additionally, TMHP is converting the portable document format (PDF) versions of certain forms into fillable forms so that providers can type information into each field before printing, faxing, or mailing the form to TMHP.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**58 (02/19/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Dental Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, procedure code D3220 will be limited to once per lifetime, per primary tooth.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**59 (02/26/16 through 03/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, with diagnosis codes Z201 and Z202 related to suspected exposure or contact with tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases. Some of these claims were possibly denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**60 (02/26/16 through 03/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: The Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) authorization department must receive and date authorization recertification requests for private duty nursing (PDN) services by at least seven calendar days before, but no more than 30 days before, the current authorization expiration date.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**61 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled “Beginning February 19, 2016, EFT Payments to Be Released on Fridays instead of Thursdays,” which was published on this website on February 2, 2016. To address provider concerns, EFT payments will return to Thursdays.

Effective February 25, 2016, TMHP will begin releasing electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to depository financial institutions on Thursdays instead of Fridays. The deposited funds will be available for withdrawal in accordance with each individual financial institution's processes and procedures for EFT payments.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**62 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 29, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) extended the moratorium on the enrollment of new home health agency providers and new ground ambulance providers in designated counties. The moratorium is meant to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**63 (03/04/16 through 03/11/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday April 10th, 2016, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. During the system maintenance window, all applications and functions will be unavailable.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**64 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers must comply with the maintenance and retention of appropriate supporting documentation for services billed to Texas Medicaid. Providers can refer to the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Vol. 1, General Information, Provider Enrollment and Responsibilities, Section 1.6.3, "Retention of Records and Access to Records and Premises," for more information.

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

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**65 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers must follow the coding and billing requirements of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual to ensure services are billed correctly.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**66 (02/26/16 through 03/18/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Beginning February 26, 2016, eligible individual limited-risk providers will receive a re-enrollment verification letter for Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) that have been automatically re-enrolled by TMHP. The letter contains a list of associated TPIs that were re-enrolled and their new enrollment termination dates.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126, 2.

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**67 (02/26/16 through 03/18/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

A new version of the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) Provider Application is now available with an updated Appendix B: TMHP Contact Information section. Providers must use version V of the MTP Provider Application for all applications that are received on or after April 1, 2016. TMHP will return as deficient previous versions of the application that are received on or after April 1, 2016. TMHP will continue to accept version IV of the Medical Transportation Program Provider Application received on or before March 31, 2016.

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

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**68 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to the 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Special Bulletin No. 9, which was published on this website on December 30, 2015. Procedure codes J0596, J3090, J3380, J7205, and J7313 were identified in the special bulletin with an asterisk (\*) as requiring a rate hearing. The correction is that these procedure codes are direct replacements for certain discontinued procedure codes, and they do not require a rate hearing. The rates are currently available in the system, and the claims are being processed accordingly.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**69 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective March 1, 2016, for dates of service on or after January 20, 2016, diagnosis code G249 will be added as a payable diagnosis for procedure code 78608 for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**70 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2016, payable provider types and places of service will change for procedure code 70554 for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**71 (03/04/16 through 03/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Coming this summer, TMHP will implement enhancements to the TMHP Prior Authorization electronic submission tool available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). As a reminder, providers must create an account on TMHP's secure portal in order to use the Prior Authorization Portal tool.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**72 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, benefit criteria for urinalysis and chemistry services will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**73 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2016 and April 1, 2016, proposed reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes were presented at a public rate hearing on February 18, 2016

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**74 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Temporary Change in Fax Number for Submission of Form H3038-P for CHIP Perinatal Clients," which was posted to the TMHP website on October 15, 2015. The update is that the fax number indicated in the original article must no longer be used to submit form H3038-P, CHIP Perinatal - Emergency Medical Services Certification. The technical problem has been corrected and providers should fax the H3038-P form to 1-877-447-2839.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, email [cpc@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:cpc@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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**75 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective February 25, 2016, for dates of service on or after June 1, 2012, orthotist providers will be added as a payable provider type for procedure code L2270 when services are provided in the home setting.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, hospital providers will be added as a payable provider type for procedure codes L2232 and L2861 when services are provided in the outpatient hospital setting.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**76 (03/04/2016 through 03/25/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Reminder: Effective February 1, 2016, TMHP has changed the names of the TMHP Standardized Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plan Remittance Advice Notice Forms for Crossover Claim Types 30, 31, and 50. The updated templates are called the TMHP Standardized Medicare Advantage Plan Remittance Advice Templates.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**77 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The STAR+PLUS Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) is a demonstration project that became effective March 1, 2015. The project will prompt managed care plans to oversee both the Medicare and Medicaid responsibility for dual eligible clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**78 (03/11/16 through 04/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers should not use the new Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form to submit prior authorization requests for therapy services until May 1, 2016. TMHP will return requests received using this form before May 1, 2016, to the provider with instructions to resubmit the request on the correct form.

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

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**79 (03/11/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, hospital providers will be added as a payable provider type for orthosis procedure codes L2232 and L2270 when services are provided in the outpatient hospital setting.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**80 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to an article titled "Proposed Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2016, April 1, 2016, and May 1, 2016."



Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2016, April 1, 2016, and May 1, 2016, the reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on February 18, 2016, are now available

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**81 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide. Diagnosis codes Z00110 and Z00111 have been added under the column titled "ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes.". Additional updates were also been made.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.TMHP.com](http://www.TMHP.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**82 (03/18/16 through 04/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On March 18, 2016, TMHP will begin accepting and processing national places of service (POS) code values 17, 18, and 19 on claims. TMHP will no longer accept alpha POS service value codes on paper claims effective July 1, 2016, to be in compliance with the national standard.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**83 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a clarification to the article titled "STAR+PLUS Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Effective March 1, 2015," which was published on the TMHP website on March 4, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**84 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, with diagnosis code E230 for hypopituitarism. Some of these claims may have been denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**85 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, with procedure codes 99460, 99461, 99462, and 99463 related to newborn care. Affected claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, will be reprocessed.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**86 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article “Texas Medicaid Claims Filing System to Be Enhanced for Medicare Crossover Claims,” that was published on the TMHP website on July 10, 2015. The update is that beginning April 29, 2016, only actively enrolled performing providers will be eligible for reimbursement of claims submitted for professional services rendered to dual eligible Medicaid clients.

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

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**87 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Beginning May 1, 2016, TMHP will deactivate trading partner accounts that have not submitted electronic transactions to TMHP within 180 days on a monthly basis. TMHP will deactivate trading partner accounts that have been inactive the previous 180 days on the first day of each following month. Trading partners will still be able to download Electronic Remittance and Status (ER & S) Reports even if TMHP has deactivated their accounts.

To reactivate terminated accounts, trading partners should call the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Help Desk at 1-800-925-9126, Option 3.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**88 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after March 15, 2016, the unit rate for Youth Empowered Service (YES) Waiver Procedure Code H2023 and H2025 will change from an hourly rate of \$26.07 to a 15-minute unit rate of \$6.52. Providers must bill the units to reflect 15 minute increments.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**89 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for noninvasive prenatal testing procedure codes 81420 and 81507 will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**90 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, benefit criteria for urinalysis and chemistry services for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**91 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for physical medicine and rehabilitation services for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**92 (03/18/16 through 04/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for speech-language pathology services for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**93 (03/25/2016 through 04/15/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Providers\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Medical Transportation Organization (MTO) Companion Guide. The new version of the 837P MTO Companion Guide is located on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**94 (03/25/16 through 04/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, for hydroxyprogesterone caproate procedure code J7125 with diagnosis codes O09211, O09212, O09213, and O09219. Some of these claims may have been denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**95 (03/25/16 through 04/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning June 6, 2016, CSHCN Services Program authorization and prior authorization requests can be submitted electronically through the TMHP Prior Authorization on the Portal available on this website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**96 (04/01/16 through 04/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to an article titled, "Proposed Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2016, April 1, 2016 and May 1, 2016."

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016 and April 1, 2016, the reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on February 18, 2016, are now available online.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**97 (04/01/16 through 04/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On February 2, 2016, TMHP implemented updates to the "Claim Status Inquiry" and "835 EOB Crosswalk" tables.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP EDI Help Desk at 1-888-863-3638.

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**98 (04/01/16 through 04/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The minutes from the January 14, 2016 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meeting and the January 15, 2016 Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee meeting are available online. Other previous meeting documents are also available online.

- Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**99 (4/01/16 through 04/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 14, 2016, the description for Type of Service 9 in the Online Fee Lookup, Static Fee Schedules, and the Texas Medicaid Provider and Procedure Manual will change from “Other/DME Purchase - Used” to “Other Medical Items or Services.”

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**100 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2016 some additional genetic, hearing aid, and dental services must be submitted to a client's other insurance carrier as applicable, before being submitted to TMHP.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**101 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for evoked response tests and neuromuscular procedures will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**102 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for botulinum toxin services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**103 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2016 some additional genetic, hearing aid, and dental services must be submitted to a client's other insurance carrier as applicable, before being submitted to TMHP.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**104 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2016, providers must submit additional outpatient services to a client's other insurance carrier before submission to TMHP.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**105 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers must submit inpatient services to a client's other insurance carrier before submission to TMHP.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**106 (04/01/2016 through 04/29/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from July 8, 2014, through January 1, 2016, to determine whether the claims were paid outside of the spell-of-illness limitation, which is 30 days of inpatient hospital care.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**107 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, benefit criteria for evoked response tests and neuromuscular procedures will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**108 (03/31/16 - 05/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday May 15th, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. During the system maintenance window, all applications and functions will be unavailable.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**109 (04/01/16 through 04/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to an article titled "Update to 'Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2016, April 1, 2016 and May 1, 2016,'" which was published on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on March 11, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**110 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a reminder and clarification to the article titled "Effective May 1, 2016, Policy to Change for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Services for Clients 21 Years of Age and Older," which was

published on the TMHP website on February 1, 2016. The article provides reminders and clarifications to several items related to prior authorization requirements and also provides awareness of minor modifications and additions made to the article since the effective date of the policy was announced on February 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**111 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The new prior authorization form and instructions titled “Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form,” and “Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form Instructions,” that are effective May 1, 2016, have been revised to include a monthly frequency option for one, two, or three visits per month.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**112 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

A notification has been issued to offer/provide reminders and clarifications to the article titled, “Effective May 1, 2016, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy Policy to Change for the Comprehensive Care Program,” which was published on the TMHP website February 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**113 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Related to medication assisted therapy take-home doses, reimbursement for procedure codes H0020 with modifier U1 (methadone) and H2010 with modifiers HG/U1 (e.g., buprenorphine) are limited to a quantity of 30 services per 30 days, same procedure, and any provider.

Methadone administration (procedure code H0020) with modifier U1 for unsupervised take home doses must be submitted on the same claim and with the same date of service (DOS) as methadone administration (procedure code H0020) with modifier UA for supervised facility doses, or the take home doses will be denied.

Similarly, non-methadone administration (procedure code H2010-HG) with modifier U1 for unsupervised take-home doses must be submitted on the same claim and with the same DOS as non-methadone administration (procedure code H2010-HG) with modifier UA for supervised facility doses, or the take home doses will be denied.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**114 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Compliance: Effective April 1, 2016, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and managed care organizations (MCOs) will enforce electronic visit verification (EVV) compliance.

Regardless of your implementation date for the use of an EVV system (DataLogic/Vesta or MEDsys) all Medicaid providers under contract to provide one or more of the services listed in the Provider Compliance Plan for Contracted Provider Agencies will have their EVV visits reviewed for compliance.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**115 (04/08/16 through 04/29/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

TMHP will implement first quarter additions to the 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) on April 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**116 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The American Cancer Society has revised its guidelines for mammography screenings.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**117 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled “Clarification to Developmental and Neurological Assessment Testing for Texas Medicaid,” which was posted to the TMHP website on October 8, 2015. The combination diagnosis code table has been removed. Each of the paired codes is now listed as a single diagnosis code for procedure code 96116.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**118 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled “Skin Therapy for Texas Medicaid,” which was published on the TMHP website on November 14, 2014. Updated diagnosis code information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**119 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the diagnosis code table for procedure code J0207 in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, subsection 9.2.39.5, “Amifostine.”

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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



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**120 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled “Allergen Immunotherapy for Texas Medicaid,” which was published on the TMHP website on December 19, 2014. Updated diagnosis code information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**121 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled “Diagnostic Doppler Sonography for Texas Medicaid,” which was published on the TMHP website on October 31, 2014. Updated diagnosis code information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**122 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled “Evoked Response Tests and Neuromuscular Procedures for Texas Medicaid,” which was published on the TMHP website on October 31, 2014. Updated diagnosis code information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**123 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, coverage for some diagnosis codes screenings related to antenatal visits, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and codes specific to multiple gestations will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**124 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Children's Hospitals\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 15, 2016, for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2013, children's hospitals that are reimbursed according to a Diagnosis-related group (DRG) methodology will be subject to the one-day payment window instead of the three-day payment window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**125 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, May 15, 2016, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**126 (04/15/16 through 05/06/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 6, 2016, the new and enhanced TMHP Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal will be available on the TMHP website. The updated portal will improve providers' experience by providing robust status information throughout the processing of the request, electronic attachment capability, greater search capability including enhanced search results, draft and templates, portal availability using a variety of modern browsers, pre-populated forms using information entered at the start of the request, and more.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**127 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, benefit criteria for echoencephalography will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**128 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

TMHP electronic data interchange (EDI) systems will be down beginning 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016, through 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday May, 31, 2016. During this time, providers will not be able to submit electronic claims, prior authorization requests, or other electronic transactions. Providers will continue to be able to perform electronic eligibility verifications (EEV) through TexMedConnect and the Prior Authorization electronic portal during the outage.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**129 (04/ 22/16 through 05/13/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for date of service on or after May 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**130 (04/22/2016 through 05/13/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

TMHP will perform an upgrade to the mail room and content management systems during an extended scheduled maintenance from Friday, May 20, 2016, through Friday, May 27, 2016. All TMHP applications, functions, and call lines will be available to providers during this time.

The maintenance will affect the scanning of documents that are mailed or faxed to TMHP. There may be a delay in the visibility of the status of documents that are received by mail or fax during the maintenance period. Providers, internal TMHP staff, and State staff may not be able to check the status of the documents until June 1, 2016. Any delays that occur as a result of the maintenance will not affect deadlines or overall processing times of claims or enrollment applications.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**131 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled "Outpatient Behavioral Health Services for Texas Medicaid," that was published on the TMHP website on December 5, 2014. Updated diagnosis code information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**132 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled "Inpatient Behavioral Health for Texas Medicaid," that was published on the TMHP website on November 26, 2014. Updated diagnosis information has been added to this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**133 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, benefit criteria for Botulinum Toxin Type A and Type B services will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**134 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The agenda for the Friday, April 29, 2016, Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meeting is now available online.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**135 (04/22/16 through 05/13/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, benefit criteria for Botulinum Toxin Type A and Type B services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**136 (04/29/16 through 09/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers and CSHCN Services Program Hospice and Medical Foods providers \*\*\*\*\***

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the previous March 24, 2016 deadline for Medicaid provider re-enrollment is extended to Sept. 25, 2016. Though this extension gives states additional time to ensure providers comply with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirements, Texas Medicaid encourages all providers who have not yet submitted a re-enrollment application to begin this process immediately to avoid potential payment disruptions. Additional information will be announced in the coming weeks to assist providers who are working on the re-enrollment process.

Note: This deadline extension also applies for CSHCN Services Program Hospice and Medical Foods providers. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHPCSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**137 (04/29/16 through 05/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, section 18.2, "Benefits, Limitations, and Authorization Requirements." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**138 (04/29/16 through 05/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee met January 15, 2016, to make decisions about which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List. The list of decisions is available, along with other meeting documents, at the Vendor Drug Program website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**139 (04/28/16 - 06/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday June 12th, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. During the system maintenance window, all applications and functions will be unavailable.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**140 (04/29/16 through 05/13/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will make modifications to the TMHP Contact Center Provider Call Tree on May 16, 2016, to provide a more efficient and improved experience for providers. The updated options will connect providers to more specialized customer service.

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

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**141 (04/29/16 through 05/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Changes for Some Procedure Codes for the CSHCN Services Program to Be Effective May 1, 2016," which was published on this website on April 11, 2016.

The original article indicated that the reimbursement rates for Allergy Tests would be effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016. The correction is that the reimbursement rates for Allergy Tests will be effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**142 (04/29/16 through 05/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The HHSC Inspector General (IG) has launched the IG Integrity Initiative, a new collaboration between the IG and Medicaid providers, managed care organizations, and any individual or entity that receives Medicaid funding. The initiative will strengthen the effort to root out fraud, waste, and abuse in Texas Medicaid by building a community policing framework structured on a statewide integrity network.

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**143 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, "Noninvasive Prenatal Testing Services to Change for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website March 11, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**144 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to an article titled "Claims Reprocessing for Procedure Code J7125," which was published on the TMHP website on March 17, 2016. The article mistakenly listed procedure code J7125 instead of the correct procedure code, J1725.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**145 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts claims filed by some Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers with multiple Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) that were merged into a single TPI on January 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**146 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

TMHP as identified an issue that affects claims submitted with dates of service (DOS) from January 1, 2016, through April 14, 2016, with vaccination procedure codes 90647 and 90648 for Medicaid and Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Medical services. These claims may have been processed incorrectly or denied in error.

Affected claims with DOS from January 1, 2016, through April 14, 2016, will be reprocessed. Providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**147 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

THMP has updated all Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Acute Care Companion Guides. The guides were updated to include information on the monthly inactive trading partner deactivation process.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**148 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, subsection 9.2.65.1, "Prior Authorization for Reduction Mammoplasty." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**149 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, subsections 5.1.3, "Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program," and B.3.1, "How to Obtain Vaccines at No Cost to the Provider." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**150 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\* Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

As of June 1, 2016, TMHP has added taxonomy codes associated with pediatrics, obesity medicine, preventive medicine, internal medicine, advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology, and pharmacy services.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**151 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) contractors must bill physical, occupational, and speech therapy evaluation and re-evaluation procedure codes under the ECI contractor's Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) and National Provider Identifier (NPI).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**152 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 28, 2016, for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program dates of service on or after September 1, 2015, some additional diagnosis codes for crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis and plaque psoriasis will be payable for procedure code J1745.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**153 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

On May 1, 2016, the second quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will implement for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**154 (05/13/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The updates to the Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy policy benefit for children who are 20 years of age and younger (acute and chronic) are effective May 1, 2016.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is releasing the updated benefit policy to assist providers with the new Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupation, and Speech Therapy benefits and



authorization requirements. This notification is a re-release of the February 2, 2016 notification, and all subsequent updates made in March and April have been incorporated. The June 15, 2016 release of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) will include this benefit policy, and it will replace all benefit criteria and authorization requirements currently stated in the TMPPM.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**155 (05/13/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The updates to the Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy policy benefit for adult clients age 21 and over are effective May 1, 2016.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is releasing the updated benefit policy to assist providers with the new Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupation, and Speech Therapy benefits and authorization requirements. This notification is a re-release of the February 2, 2016 notification, and all subsequent updates made in March and April have been incorporated. The June 15, 2016 release of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) will include this benefit policy, and it will replace all benefit criteria and authorization requirements currently stated in the TMPPM.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**156 (05/13/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for date of service on or after June 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**157 (05/06/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers submitting handwritten or wet signatures are not required to use the new forms that were made available on April 1, 2016, until June 6, 2016. The grace period to continue using the previous version of the forms extends through 11:59 p.m. on June 5, 2016 CDT. If providers choose to use electronic signatures, they must use the new authorization and prior authorization forms that were made available on April 1, 2016. The new forms must be submitted to TMHP with the new Prior Authorization Request Submitter Certification Statement page, and "We Agree" must be checked. Previous versions of the forms that contain electronic signatures will be returned to providers with instructions to use the forms made available April 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**158 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects some inpatient hospital claims submitted with a date of discharge on or after October 1, 2015, with a present on admission (POA) value. Some of these claims may have been denied or paid in error by Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**159 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects some inpatient hospital claims submitted with a date of discharge on or after October 1, 2015, with a present on admission (POA) value. Some of these claims may have been denied in error by the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**160 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

HHSC has amended the Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form to allow providers more space to request tapered down, or variable, frequencies. This updated form is available to providers on May 1, 2016, but providers will not be required to use this updated form until June 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**161 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

HHSC is releasing additional clarification on Texas Medicaid's Physical, Occupational, and Speech therapy medical benefits for the CCP program (Clients birth through 20 years) and for Adult Clients age 21 and over. These benefits remain effective May 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**162 (05/06/16 through 05/27/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, subsection 4.2.23, "Adjunctive General Services." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**163 (05/13/16 through 06/3/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a reminder for hospital providers: The requirements and process for requesting an appeal can be found in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM), Appeals Handbook, Section 7.3.3, "Utilization Review Appeals." This includes appeals for final technical denials. This clarifies when a hospital provider should submit medical records.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**164 (05/13/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**165 (05/13/16 through 06/3/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All EPHC and Family Planning Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, the wrap-around coverage provided by the Family Planning Program and the Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) Program will be discontinued for all Healthy Texas Women (HTW) clients. As a result, reimbursement for certain services may be denied. All other Medicaid clients will continue to wrap based on current policy.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**166 (05/13/2016 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

The TexMedConnect Acute Care Manual has been updated. Section 3.1 "Getting Technical Assistance" has an updated contact telephone number.

The new version of the TexMedConnect Acute Care Manual is available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**167 (05/13/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Medicaid Automated Inquiry System (AIS) User Guide. The updated version is now available on the TMHP website at [tmhp.com](http://tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**168 (05/13/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Providers are encouraged to assist clients with enrollment into the Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) before July 1, 2016. On July 1, the Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) Program and TWHP

will be consolidated into the new Healthy Texas Woman (HTW) program. HTW seeks to expand access to women's health and family planning services to clients who are eligible to receive HTW services.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**169 (05/13/16 through 06/13/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The TMHP Contact Center Provider Call Tree will be modified on May 16, 2016, to provide a more efficient and improved experience for providers. The updated options will connect providers to more specialized customer service representatives.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**170 (05/13/16 through 06/3/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2016, some fields on the 2017 Claim Form and TexMedConnect will be made optional for the Family Planning Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**171 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services Handbook, subsection 5.2.6, "Colorectal Cancer Screening."

Procedure codes G0106 and G0120 were incorrectly listed as benefits for colorectal cancer screening services rendered in the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) or hospital ambulatory surgical center (HASC) setting. The correct procedure codes for colorectal cancer screening services rendered in ASC or HASC settings are G0104, G0105, and G0121.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**172 (05/13/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Medicaid Automated Inquiry System (AIS) User Guide. The updated version is now available on the TMHP website at [tmhp.com](http://tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**173 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention EHR Incentive Program \*\*\*\*\***

Providers with questions regarding the Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program can now call a direct phone number: 1-855-831-6112. While providers may still reach the Medicaid EHR

Incentive Program through the TMHP main number, this new direct line is a streamlined option for providers with questions specific to the EHR Incentive Program.

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**174 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, procedure code 19350 will be payable for physicians for surgical services that are rendered in an office setting to Texas Medicaid and Children With Special HealthCare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**175 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts claims submitted for some pathology and laboratory procedures performed in the office setting by a family planning clinic.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**176 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 1, 2016, TMHP will implement the second quarter 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, changes, and deletions, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Reminder: Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until they are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**177 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, radiology benefits for procedure codes 77013, 77022, and 78608 will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**178 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As of June 1, 2016, TMHP added taxonomy codes associated with Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Brain Injury Medicine, Psychiatry and Neurology, Brain Injury Medicine, Pharmacist, Critical Care, and Pharmacist Pediatrics. TMHP also made definition changes to Behavior Analyst and Suppliers, Portable X-ray and/or Other Portable Diagnostic Imaging Supplier.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**179 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the prior authorization process for the Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Children (Acute and Chronic) and for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Adult/Clients Age 21 and Over medical benefits. If a therapy evaluation or re-evaluation is performed on or before April 30, 2016, the prior authorization request submitted will be processed based on the medical benefit requirements that were in place on or before April 30, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**180 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: The deadline for providers to revalidate their enrollment information with Texas Medicaid is approaching. Providers are encouraged to submit their enrollment applications soon so that TMHP receives them on or before June 17, 2016. All applications must complete the revalidation process by September 24, 2016, in order to avoid disenrollment and potential disruption in provider payments for services rendered to Texas Medicaid clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**181 (05/13/2016 through 06/10/16) \*\*\* Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective May 13, 2016, THMP has updated the Provider Change of Ownership. The new version of the Provider Change of Ownership is now available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). All providers must use this revised form beginning July 1, 2016.

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

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**182 (05/20/2016 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Program Services Providers \*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2016, the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Enrollment Application, the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Provider Enrollment Application, the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Dental Provider Enrollment Application, and the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) Provider Enrollment Application will be updated.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**183 (05/13/16 through 06/3/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2016, Healthy Texas Women (HTW) will be implemented to combine Texas Women's Health Program (TWHHP) benefits, some Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) program benefits, and expand some family planning services. HTW is a new program that expands access to women's health and family planning services to clients who are eligible to receive HTW services. The HTW service package will include family planning services, related preventive health services that are beneficial to reproductive health, and other preventive health services that positively affect maternal health and future pregnancies.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**184 (05/27/16 through 06/03/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, May 30, 2016, is Memorial Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, June 3, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**185 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 29, 2016, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Crosswalk tables, which consist of Claim Status Codes (CSC), Claim Status Category Codes (CSCC), Claims Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC), Claims Adjustment Group Codes (CAGC), Remittance Advice Remarks Codes (RARC), and explanation codes that are associated with EOB denials. The two tables are now combined into the 835 crosswalk table.

Providers can access the crosswalk table on TMHP's Electronic Data Interchange HIPAA Reference Files web page.

For more information, call the TMHP EDI Help Desk at 1-888-863-3638.



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**186 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, section 14.2.5.8, "Adjunctive General Services." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**187 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, claims submitted with the radiation therapy procedure codes 77402, 77407, and 77412 (technical component only), will be reimbursable to hospitals by cost reimbursement. Also, procedure codes G6003, G6007, and G6011 for radiation therapy services will no longer be reimbursable to hospitals.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**188 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, benefit criteria will change for Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**189 (05/27/16 through 06/17/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, with targeted case management and mental health rehabilitation procedure codes H0034, H2014, H2017, G0177, and T1017. Some of these claims may have been denied in error.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**190 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16)\*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 1, 2016, the submission timeframes for providers requesting to transfer previously approved managed care organization (MCO) authorizations for Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) services, private duty nursing (PDN), occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), and speech therapy (ST) services to Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid have changed.

Providers requesting an authorization transfer from an MCO to FFS can now submit the prior authorization to Medicaid before the end date of the previously approved MCO authorization. Requests submitted after the MCO's authorization end date must meet the regular submission guidelines for the specific service type.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**191 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 18, 2016, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, procedure code J1745 may be reimbursed when billed with diagnosis codes H2013 and M1389 in addition to the currently-payable diagnosis codes. Providers can refer to the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual, section 31.2.25.13, "Infliximab," for the additional payable diagnosis codes for infliximab services.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**192 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, and August 1, 2016, for services rendered to clients who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (i.e., dual-eligible clients), certain procedure codes have been updated. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**193 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 29, 2016, the maximum length of time a claim may be held in a pending status for Medicare determination has changed from 120 days to 90 days.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**194 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Effective June 1, 2016: Procedure Code 19350 Payable for Physicians for Surgical Services Rendered In an Office Setting for Texas Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Clients," which was posted on this website on May 13, 2016.

The effective date has changed to July 1, 2014, for Texas Medicaid. Affected claims submitted by physicians with dates of service from July 1, 2014, through May 24, 2016, with procedure code 19350 for surgical services rendered to a Texas Medicaid client in an office setting, will be reprocessed. Providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

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

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**195 (05/20/16 through 06/10/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "TMHP and HHSC to Research the Unit of Measure between the Noridian and HHSC NDC Crosswalks," which was posted on the TMHP website on December 22, 2015. HHSC has completed its research and is now providing direction concerning billing the National Drug Code (NDC) unit of measure.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**196 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2016, vision procedure codes S0620 and S0621 may be reimbursed in place of service 9 for "other locations" in addition to the currently payable places of service to ensure procedure codes S0620 and S0621 may be reimbursed for services rendered in the community setting. The reimbursement rate and payable provider types will not change. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**197 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On June 1, 2016, diagnosis restrictions for electrodiagnostic testing will change for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**198 (06/03/16 through 06/24/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2016, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, the age range for certain fracture or injury diagnosis codes will be updated and allowed for Texas Medicaid and the CSHCN Services Program clients of all ages. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**199 (06/10/16 through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning June 15, 2016, several sections of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook will move to the Gynecological and Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services Handbook. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**200 (06/10/2016 through 07/01/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Reminder: All clinic and group practices, regardless of specialty, must submit a separate re-enrollment application for each group Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) and suffix as well as for each performing provider TPI and suffix.

The TMHP Federal Re-enrollment web page contains helpful links and news articles related to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) mandate, which requires state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers in state Medicaid programs by September 24, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**201 (06/10/16 through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Effective June 6, 2016, the new and enhanced TMHP Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal will be available on the TMHP website.

The following information will be available using the search function through the enhanced PA on the Portal effective June 6, 2016: Prior authorizations submitted to TMHP using the TMHP enhanced PA on the Portal (electronic submissions), prior authorizations submitted to TMHP by paper or fax, prior authorizations submitted to TMHP using the legacy TMHP PA on the Portal (non-enhanced version available to providers before May 27, 2016).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**202 (06/10/16 through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: The new Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form and corresponding instructions were made available to providers effective May 1, 2016. Providers have been given a grace period between May 1, 2016, and June 5, 2016, to discontinue using the previous forms and begin using the new form.

Beginning June 6, 2016, the new Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form must be submitted for all physical, occupational, and speech therapy prior authorization requests. The previous forms submitted on or after June 6, 2016, will be returned to providers with a request that the new form be submitted with all required documentation.

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

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**203 (06/10/16through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will implement additional 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes on July 1, 2016, effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016. The additional HCPCS codes are for therapeutic and presumptive drug testing and are detailed in this article.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**204 (06/10/16 through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to the article titled "Clarification Regarding How to Obtain Authorization for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Re-evaluation Procedure Codes," which was published on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on April 29, 2016. The article defined CCP as the "Coordinated Care Program." The definition of CCP is "Comprehensive Care Program."

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

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**205 (06/10/16 through 07/01/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, radiology benefits for procedure codes 77013, 77022, and 78608 will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**206 (06/17/16 through 07/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 15, 2016, TMHP has updated the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Home Health Skilled Nursing request and Plan of Care Form and Instructions to remove procedure code G0154, which was discontinued effective January 1, 2016. Procedure codes G0299 and G0300 have been added to the form as replacements.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**207 (06/17/16 through 07/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met April 29, 2016, to make recommendations about clinical prior authorization criteria and which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). Their recommendations are now available at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**208 (06/17/16 through 07/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, optometrist providers will be added as a payable provider type for procedure code 83861 when services are provided in the office setting.

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

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**209 (06/17/16 through 07/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 1, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the discontinuation of HPV4 (procedure code 90649) and HPV2 (procedure code 90650) from the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). Therefore, these vaccines are not available for ordering through the Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**210 (06/17/16 through 07/08/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2016, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, certain diagnosis codes will be covered for Texas Medicaid Colorectal Screening Services and Genetic Cancer Screening Services. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**211 (06/24/2016 through 07/15/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) providers must re-enroll in Texas Medicaid by the federal deadline of September 24, 2016. LTSS providers must re-enroll each unique National Provider Identifier (NPI) in one of three ways.

Note: If your NPI is already successfully re-enrolled through TMHP or DADS, that specific NPI is considered Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) compliant. Any additional NPIs that are enrolled with either TMHP or DADS will need to be re-enrolled.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**212 (06/24/2016 through 07/15/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

This is a reminder that this Friday, June 17, 2016, is the Texas Medicaid deadline for submission of a re-enrollment (revalidation) application in order to ensure continued enrollment in Texas Medicaid on the federal deadline of September 24, 2016. If the provider's re-enrollment application is not processed by September 24, 2016, the provider will be dis-enrolled from Texas Medicaid with an effective date of September 25, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**213 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Children (Acute and Chronic) Benefit Policy: Effective September 1, 2016, documentation of a current Texas Health Steps (THSteps) checkup is required for all re-certifications.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**214 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The TMHP Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is now available on the TMHP Prior Authorization website. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**215 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Texas Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning June 15, 2016, the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, Section 9.2.39, "Medications-Injectable," will be renamed Clinician Administered Drugs (CADs). Information about CADs will be added to this section. Additionally, some tables and sections will be reorganized.

All changes are organizational only and there are no changes to current benefits. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**216 (06/24/2016 through 07/15/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Providers\*\*\***

TMHP has published updated off-cycle static fee schedules to remove an incorrect place of service that was listed for some procedure codes. The new fee schedules are available on the TMHP website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**217 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Effective July 1, 2016, Healthy Texas Women (HTW) will be implemented to combine Texas Women's Health Program (TWH) benefits, some Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) Program benefits, and expand some family planning services. HTW is a new program that expands access to women's health and family planning services to clients who are eligible to receive HTW services. The HTW service package will include family planning services, related preventive health services that are beneficial to reproductive health, and other preventive health services that positively affect maternal health and future pregnancies. More details can be found on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]



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**218 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, Hearing Services Chapter, subsection 20.2.3.5, "Limitations." This subsection incorrectly listed procedure code 92252, and it has been updated to list the correct procedure code 92552.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**219 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, audiologist providers will be added as a payable provider type for procedure codes 92630 and 92633 when services are provided in the office setting.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**220 (06/24/16 through 07/15/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Vision and Hearing Services Handbook, subsection 2.2.3.5, "Limitations." This subsection incorrectly listed procedure code 92252, and it has been updated to list the correct procedure code 92552.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**221 (07/01/16 through 07/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, August 14, 2016, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**222 (07/01/16 through 07/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will implement second quarter additions and deletions to the 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) on July 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**223 (07/01/16 through 07/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, July 4, 2016, is Independence Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Tuesday, July 5, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**224 (07/01/16 through 07/22/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after May 1, 2016, and July 1, 2016, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes were presented at a public rate hearing on May 11, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**225 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

With the implementation of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program, which is effective July 1, 2016, all references to Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) in documents, websites, web pages, forms, and any other location will be replaced with references to HTW. Providers will see these changes beginning July 1, 2016.

Providers can refer to the article titled "Healthy Texas Women (HTW) to Become Effective July 1, 2016," which was posted on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on May 16, 2016, for more information about the HTW program.

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

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**226 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 28, 2016, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2015, the reimbursement rate will change for Cochlear Device procedure code L8614 for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**227 (07/08/2016 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Program Services Providers \*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Enrollment Application, the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Dental Provider Enrollment Application, and the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) Provider Enrollment Application.

The revised application forms and further details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**228 (07/08/2016 through 07/29/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Provider Information Change (PIC) form to include the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program. All providers must use this revised form beginning July 1, 2016.

The form is available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**229 (07/08/2016 through 07/29/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, for services rendered to clients who are dually-eligible for Texas Medicaid and Medicare, procedure code J7307 is now Medicaid-only. It is not necessary to submit procedure code J7307 to Medicare before it is submitted to Medicaid.

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

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**230 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**231 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, Chapter 21, "Home Health Services."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**232 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, optometrist providers have been added as a payable provider type for procedure code 83861 when services are provided in the office setting.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**233 (07/15/16 through 08/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 26, 2016, the Health and Human Services Commissions (HHSC) Inspector General (IG) office has updated its timeline for providers to request an informal desk review of a denied enrollment

application from 20 calendar days to 20 business days. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**234 (07/15/16 through 08/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Behavioral Health, Rehabilitation, and Case Management Services Handbook, subsection 6.9, "Pharmacological Management Services."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**235 (07/15/16 through 08/05/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, "Updated Electrodiagnostic Testing Diagnosis Restrictions for Texas Medicaid and the CSHCN Services Program," which now includes procedure codes 95866 and 95870. The article was published on the TMHP website on May 27, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**236 (07/08/2016 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Program Services Providers \*\*\***

Reminder: As a requirement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), state Medicaid agencies must revalidate the enrollment of all providers by September 24, 2016. Texas Medicaid established an application submission deadline of June 17, 2016, that ensured providers of continued enrollment if a complete application was submitted by that date. The federal revalidation deadline of September 24, 2016, may still be met by providers that submit complete applications immediately.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**237 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 2, 2016, TMHP will begin releasing the electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to depository financial institutions on Fridays instead of Thursdays (i.e., the payment for the fourth week in August will be released, Friday, September 2, 2016, instead of Thursday, September 1, 2016). Deposited funds will be available for withdrawal Saturday or Monday morning depending on the individual financial institutions' processes and procedures for receiving EFT payments.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**238 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention HTW Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP is in the process of creating a static fee schedule for HTW services. The static fee schedule will be available in mid-July, 2016. Providers will be notified when the fee schedule is available. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**239 (07/08/16 through 07/29/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Healthy Texas Women (HTW) computer-based training (CBT) is now available.

The HTW CBT presents information that will provide new and current HTW program providers an overview of the HTW program, procedures, rules, and regulations.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**240 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to an article titled "Update to Prior Authorization Requirements for CSHCN Services Program Emergency Hospital Admissions," which was published on the TMHP website on July 12, 2016. The article mistakenly listed the effective date of July 1, 2016 instead of the correct effective date of August 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**241 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The TMHP Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal search function has been updated to include the following fields for each detail line in the search results: Requested Amount, Requested Frequency, Requested Quantity, Approved Amount, Approved Frequency, Approved Quantity, Approved Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP), and Performing Provider ID.

Additionally, a Print button has been added to the PA on the Portal view screens. The Print button formats the information into a print view so that providers can easily print each request.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**242 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal webinar that was conducted on May 24, 2016, is now available as a recording on the TMHP Learning Management System (LMS) website. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**243 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2016, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will allow providers that meet the deadline requirements to resubmit prior authorization requests for emergency hospital admissions that were previously denied for incomplete or inaccurate information.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**244 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 29, 2016, TMHP requests that providers submitting acute care inpatient or outpatient institutional claims use designated fields for entering rendering provider (when the rendering provider is different than the attending provider) and value code information. These changes apply to paper as well as electronic or portal claim submissions for institutional claims submitted on or after August 29, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**245 (07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective immediately, providers submitting claims for services on the institutional claim format (CMS-1450) must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the rendering provider on the claim. The rendering provider is not required to be enrolled in Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**246 (07/22/16 through 8/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective immediately, providers submitting claims for services that require an order or referral must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the ordering, prescribing, or referring provider on the claim.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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(07/22/16 through 08/12/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

Effective September 1, 2016, changes will be made to the Sterilization Consent Form approval process, the Sterilization Consent Form and corresponding instructions, and the Sterilization Consent Form Denial Letter.

The changes will impact Texas Medicaid Title XIX family planning services, the Healthy Texas Women program, the Department of State Health Services Family Planning Program, and Expanded Primary Health Care providers.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**247 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, September 11, 2016, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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(07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCS Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\*

There is an update to the article titled "Procedure Code 83861 to Become a Benefit for Optometrists," which was posted on this website June 10, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**248 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The agenda for the July 29, 2016, Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meeting is now available online.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**249 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 21, 2016, Texas Medicaid will implement the semi-annual update of the Medicaid Preferred Drug List. The update is based on changes presented at the January 2016 Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee meeting and April 2016 Drug Utilization Review Board meeting.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]



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**250 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 27, 2016, claims submitted by providers for hospice-related acute care services rendered to hospice-authorized Medicaid and Medicaid dual eligible clients that are 21 or older during the hospice period will be denied.

Medicaid and Medicaid dual eligible clients that are 20 or younger that are authorized for hospice (through Long Term Care) remain eligible to receive acute care services related to their hospice condition.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**251 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 2, 2016, TMHP will begin releasing the electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to depository financial institutions on Fridays instead of Thursdays (i.e., the payment for the fourth week in August will be released Friday, September 2, 2016, instead of Thursday, September 1, 2016). Deposited funds will be available for withdrawal Saturday or Monday morning depending on the individual financial institutions' processes and procedures for receiving EFT payments.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**252 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCS Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On August 18, 2016, at 1 p.m., Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will offer a live webinar designed to address frequently asked questions from providers regarding enhancements to the Prior Authorization on the Portal tool.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**253 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2016 and October 1, 2016, proposed reimbursement rate changes for some procedure codes will be presented at a public rate hearing on August 11, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**254 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The new Texas Long-acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Toolkit is aimed at helping providers increase the availability of LARCs to all Texas women.

The Toolkit offers suggestions and resources to support implementation of a policy to make LARCs available to women throughout the reproductive life cycle.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**255 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\***

Beginning August 29, 2016, the format of Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program prior authorization letters will change. TMHP updated the letter format to improve communication for clients and providers. The prior authorization content has not changed, despite the change in format.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, please call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**256 (07/29/16 through 08/19/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, home health agencies that provide Private Duty Nursing services for clients with a tracheostomy or clients who are ventilator-dependent can submit diagnosis code Z9981 with procedure code T1000, T1002, or T1003, and modifier UA, to receive additional reimbursement.

This information updates the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Home Health Nursing and Private Duty Nursing Services Handbook, subsection 4.1 "Services, Benefits, Limitations, and Prior Authorization."

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

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**257 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, July 1, and August 1 of this year, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**258 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a reminder about the information communicated in the article titled "Update for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Children (Acute and Chronic) Benefit Policy: Documentation of Current THSteps Checkup is Required for All Recertification Requests, Effective September 1, 2016," which was posted on this website on June 16, 2016.

Effective September 1, 2016, the Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Children (Acute and Chronic) Benefit Policy will be updated to include the following direction to providers: "Documentation

stating the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) checkup is current or that a developmental screening was performed by the prescribing provider within the last 60 days is required for all recertification requests."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**259 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Procedure Code Updates for Dual-Eligible Clients Effective June 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016," which was published on this website on May 25, 2016. Certain ambulance service procedure codes must be submitted to Medicare before they are submitted to Texas Medicaid for consideration of cost-sharing liabilities for clients who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid services.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**260 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a follow-up to the article titled, "Benefits for Radiology Procedure Codes 77013, 77022, and 78608 to Change for the CSHCN Services Program," which was published on the TMHP website June 3, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**261 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2016, the assistant surgery component of unlisted dentoalveolar procedure code 41899 will require prior authorization for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**262 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 29, 2016, TMHP will launch an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) provider-facing portal. Providers will have the option to enter Provider Selection Form data that was previously faxed or emailed for EVV purposes directly into the new portal.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**263 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 31, 2016, the third quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will implement for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**264 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2016, prior authorization will no longer be required for initial admission, maximum five days, to freestanding psychiatric facilities or state psychiatric hospitals for clients who are birth through 20 years of age. Prior authorization continues to be required for stays exceeding five days.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**265 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, section 14.2.2.5, "Radiographs or Diagnostic Imaging." Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**266 (08/12/16 through 09/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning August 9, 2016, Texas Medicaid will add mosquito repellent products to the Texas Medicaid and CHIP formularies. The repellent products are being added as a result of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informational bulletin that provides information on Medicaid benefits available for the prevention, detection, and response to the Zika virus. These benefits will apply for Fee for Service Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), CHIP Perinatal, Healthy Texas Women, and the Family Planning program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**267 (08/12/16 through 09/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has published a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Changes for Some Procedure Codes for the CSHCN Services Program to Be Effective January 1, July 1, and August 1 of 2016," which was posted on the TMHP website on July 28, 2016. The article listed incorrect reimbursement rates for the procedure codes in the table titled Home Health and/or Hospice.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**268 (08/12/16 through 09/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On August 15, 2016, hospitals will be able to access their state fiscal year 2015 hospital-level Potentially Preventable Readmissions and Potentially Preventable Complications reports.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**269 (08/12/16 through 09/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2016, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, medical service procedure code 93229 may be reimbursed for services rendered to Texas Medicaid clients who are 21 and older. This procedure code is currently payable for services rendered to clients who are 20 and younger. This change will make procedure code 93229 payable for services rendered to clients of all ages.

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

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**270 (08/05/16 through 08/26/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: The TMHP Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal now allows providers to choose "Correction," "Revision," or "Extension" as necessary. To extend a current prior authorization when additional services are required with no break in service, providers must choose "Extension" in order to keep the same prior authorization number and avoid a delay in processing. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**271 (08/12/16 through 09/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled, "TMHP Scheduled System Maintenance for September 11, 2016," which was posted on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on July 22, 2016.

The maintenance start time has changed from 4:00 p.m. CDT to noon (12:00 p.m. CDT).

The following is the new information in full: TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, September 11, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. CDT until 11:59 p.m. CDT. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**272 (08/19/2016 through 09/09/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective September 30, 2016, TMHP will update the eight-character batch identification number assigned to all encounter, acute care, and Long Term Care 837 electronic transactions received by the TMHP Electronic Data Interchange.

The batch ID format allows electronic submitters to determine the exact day and year a batch was received. TMHP will update the first character of the file ID for the batch ID.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). For more information, call the TMHP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Help Desk at 1-888-863-3638.

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**273 (08/19/16 through 09/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2016, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) social workers will begin enrolling as traditional Medicaid Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special HealthCare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**274 (08/19/16 through 09/9/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board approved the April 29, 2016, meeting minutes at its meeting on July 29, 2016. The minutes and other meeting documents are available at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**275 (08/19/16 through 09/9/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met April 29, 2016, to make decisions about which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List and prior authorization criteria. The list of decisions and prior authorization criteria is available, along with other meeting documents, at the Vendor Drug Program website at [TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads](http://TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**276 (08/19/16 through 09/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2016, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, changes, and deletions, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Reminder: Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until they are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**277 (8/26/16 through 10/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, October 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. Central Time until 11:59 p.m. Central Time. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**278 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 11, 2016, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program has added mosquito repellent as a covered drug benefit for eligible clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**279 (08/26/16 through 09/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**280 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The TMHP Contact Center Provider Call Tree for 1-800-925-9126 was modified on May 16, 2016, to provide a more efficient and improved experience for providers. The updated options connect providers to more specialized customer service representatives. The Contact Us link on the TMHP website reflects these changes.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**281 (08/26/16 through 09/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled "Claims Submitted for Hospice-Related Acute Care Services Rendered to All Medicaid and Medicaid Dual Eligible Clients 21 or Older to Deny Effective August 27, 2016," which was published on the TMHP website on July 21, 2016. The title and the article should have stated "All Medicaid and Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligible Clients 21 Years of Age or Older."

There are more updates to the original article. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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



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**282 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met July 29, 2016, to make recommendations about clinical prior authorization criteria and which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). Their recommendations are now available at the Vendor Drug Program website at TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads/.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**283 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On September 1, 2016, an updated version of the Psychiatric Inpatient Extended Stay Request Form will be available on TMHP Prior Authorization on the Portal.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**284 (08/19/16 through 09/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, benefit criteria for diagnostic dental services will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**285 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled "Changes to the Sterilization Consent Form and Instructions, Approval Process, and Denial Letter," which was published on the TMHP website on July 15, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**286 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has enhanced Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal, and the portal is now available for Texas Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Providers to submit PA requests online. Providers can refer to the article titled "Top 10 Things to Know About Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal," which was published on the TMHP website on August 19, 2016, for additional information.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**287 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will change from 57.13 percent to 56.18 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 decreased to match the change in the FMAP.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will change from 92.99 percent to 92.33 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

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**288 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 9, 2016, certain outpatient hospital imaging procedure codes will be reimbursed at the TMHP published fee amount.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**289 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, ambulatory surgical center and hospital ambulatory surgical center providers will be added as a payable provider type for procedure codes 58260 and 58262 when services are provided in the outpatient hospital setting. Providers should refer to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services Handbook, for additional information about scheduled day surgery.

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

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**290 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, September 5, 2016, is Labor Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, September 9, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**291 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, benefit criteria for preventive dental services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**292 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All CSHCN Providers \*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the CSHCN Services Program Basics computer-based training (CBT) course. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**293 (09/02/16 through 09/23/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2016, the fourth quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Fourth quarter changes will also include therapy treatment procedure codes 97034, 97035, and 97036.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**294 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2016, mepolizumab and omalizumab benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**295 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Effective September 30, 2016, TMHP will change the beginning character of the eight-character Batch identification number (Batch ID) assigned to all electronic transactions processed through the Texas Medicaid Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). The Batch ID format allows electronic submitters to determine the exact day and year that a batch was processed by Texas Medicaid. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the Texas Medicaid EDI Helpdesk at 1-888-863-3638.

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**296 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\* Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, subsection 9.2.1, "Teaching Physician and Resident Physician."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**297 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with Medicaid claims submitted with Medicare co-pay codes CP003, CP004, CP007, and CP008 from April 29, 2016, through August 26, 2016. These claims may have been incorrectly denied or rejected. Providers will have 60 days from the publish date to resubmit claims that were rejected or denied.

Affected paper claims submitted from April 29, 2016, through August 26, 2016, will be reprocessed. When the claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**298 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There are corrections to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Gynecological, Obstetrics, and Family Planning Title XIX Services Handbook.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**299 (09/16/16 through 10/07/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There are corrections to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Women's Health Services Handbook.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**300 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2016, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) changes that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016. The update includes the Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code changes and the Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) surgical procedure code changes.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**301 (09/09/16 through 09/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2016, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) changes that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016. The update includes the Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code changes and the Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) surgical procedure code changes.

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

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**302 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Comprehensive Care Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid will soon add Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) services as a new Comprehensive Care Program benefit for medically and technologically dependent clients who are 20 years old and younger. PPECC services, where available, are an alternative to private duty nursing (PDN). A client has the option of PDN, PPECC, or a combination of the two services for authorized skilled nursing hours.

To prevent duplication, PDN and PPECC services may not be provided simultaneously. PDN services must be provided before or after PPECC services when rendered on the same day.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**303 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning November 1, 2016, clinician administered (also known as physician administered) drug procedure codes added during quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates may be payable according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services effective date.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP- CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**304 (09/16/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning November 1, 2016, STAR Kids, a new managed care program, will provide services to Texas Medicaid clients with disabilities who are 20 years of age and younger. The STAR Kids program provides services for clients who previously received disability-related Medicaid through STAR+PLUS or fee-for-service.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**305 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with the TexMedConnect-Eligibility Verification (EV) that appears when providers check a client's eligibility benefit limit segments. Providers using TexMedConnect- EV were not obtaining the most recent exam dates when making an inquiry. This issue led to provider questions about client eligibility. Beginning September 16, 2016, providers will be able to obtain the most recent exam dates for hearing aids, eyeglasses, and eye exams.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**306 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2016, the reimbursement rate for procedure code C9473 will be \$25.24.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**307 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2016, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**308 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, November 6, 2016, from 12:01 a.m. until 3 a.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**309 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "TMHP Scheduled System Maintenance for October 9, 2016," which was published on the TMHP website on August 19, 2016. The update is that TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, October 9, 2016, from noon Central Standard Time (CST) until 11:59 p.m. CST, not 4:00 p.m. CST through 11:59 p.m. CST, as was indicated in the original article. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**310 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to an article titled, "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes to Be Effective July 1 and October 1, 2016, Will Be Presented at Public Rate Hearing on August 11, 2016," which was published on TMHP.com on July 19, 2016.

Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2016 and October 1, 2016, the reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on August 11, 2016, are now available.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**311 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The 2016-17 Synagis benefit begins October 1, 2016, for some patients, and thereafter for others, according to the 2016-17 Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Season Schedule. The schedule is based on a patient's county of residence at the start of the RSV Season. Please reference the RSV Season Schedule for a complete listing of season start dates. Prior authorization forms will begin to be accepted for Fee-For-Service Medicaid and CSHCN patients beginning September 23, 2016. Medicaid managed care plans will have their own forms and instructions. The option to purchase and bill through TMHP is not available for the 2016-17 RSV Season.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**312 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On September 10, 2016, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Crosswalk tables, which consist of Claim Status Codes (CSC), Claim Status Category Codes (CSCC), Claims Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC), Claims Adjustment Group Codes (CAGC), Remittance Advice Remarks Codes (RARC), and explanation codes that are associated with EOB denials. Providers can access the crosswalk table on TMHP's Electronic Data Interchange HIPAA Reference Files web page.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**313 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 26, 2016, the format of provider enrollment application deficiency letters will change. TMHP updated the deficiency letter format to allow the ability for the applicant or authorized representative to make the needed updates directly on the deficiency letter.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**314 (09/23/16 through 10/14/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention FQHC Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program claims filed by federally qualified health center (FQHC) providers. These claims may not have processed for the encounter rate payment correctly. TMHP is working on a solution for this issue. Providers will be notified when the issue is resolved.

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



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**315 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2016, the fourth quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**316 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Volume 1, General Information, subsection 6.13.2, "Paper Crossover Claims." This update will become effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**317 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Family Planning Clinic Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program claims filed by family planning clinic providers. Claims submitted with dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, may have been denied incorrectly. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**318 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the diagnosis code tables in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Behavioral Health, Rehabilitation, and Case Management Services Handbook for procedure codes 90791 and 90792, in subsection 6.10.2, "Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation With Medical Services," for procedure codes 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90847, and 90853 in subsections 4.2, "Services, Benefits, Limitations, and Prior Authorization" and 6.12, "Psychotherapy or Counseling," and for procedure codes 96101 and 96118 in subsection 6.11, "Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing."

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**319 (10/07/16 through 10/28/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Rural Health Clinic Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective November 1, 2016, Rural Health Clinics (RHC) may receive reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraception procedure codes J7297, J7298, J7300, J7301, and J7307 when services are rendered in an office or outpatient setting.

RHC providers may receive an encounter rate when submitting claims with procedure code T1015, in addition to a flat "add on" fee for the long acting reversible contraception (LARC) procedure codes listed above.

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

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**320 (10/7/16 through 10/28/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, for services rendered to clients who are dually-eligible for Texas Medicaid and Medicare, some power wheelchair procedure codes have been updated to be Medicaid-only and do not have to be submitted to Medicare before they are submitted to Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**321 (03/11/2016 through 04/01/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

Beginning October 1, 2016, three Medicaid Case Management provider types will be renamed in the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application, Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP), Online Provider Lookup (OPL), Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, and all other TMHP documentation.

Note: Only the names of these provider types will change. The enrollment requirements and benefits for these Case Management provider types will remain the same.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**322 (09/26/2016 through 10/28/16)\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\***

TMHP has updated the State of Texas Provider Types Required to Pay an Application Fee list. Refer to the updated list to determine if your provider type is required to pay an application fee.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**323 (09/26/2016 through 10/24/2016) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has updated several provider enrollment applications and forms. The revised versions will be available on the TMHP website beginning October 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**324 (10/07/16 through 10/28/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The agenda for the October 14, 2016 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board is now available. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**325 (09/30/16 through 10/21/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The 2017 annual International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) additions, changes, and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, are now available in the October 2017 Annual ICD Update, Special Bulletin No. 10. Additional information is available on the ICD-10 Implementation web page of the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). Deleted codes are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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**326 (10/07/16 through 10/28/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2016, TMHP added a new taxonomy code associated with Psychiatry & Neurology, Neocritical Care.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**327 (10/07/16 through 10/28/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The 2017 annual International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) additions, changes, and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, are now available in the October 2017 Annual ICD Update, Special Bulletin No. 10. Additional information is available on the ICD-10 Implementation web page of the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). Deleted codes are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**328 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2016, mepolizumab and omalizumab benefits will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**329 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, benefit criteria has changed for Botulinum Toxin Type A and B for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**330 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The scheduled system maintenance previously scheduled for October 9, 2016, has been changed to Sunday, October 16, 2016. The scheduled maintenance will occur from 12 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) until 11:59 p.m. CDT. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

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

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**331 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Some pharmacies and prescribers have reported a shortage of Atropine 1% eye drops. In response, the Vendor Drug Program has added three atropine products to the Medicaid, CHIP, and CSHCN Services Program formulary, effective October 3, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**332 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, October 10, 2016, is Columbus Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, October 14, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**333 (10/14/16 through 11/04/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with the TexMedConnect for some claims submitted from October 1, 2016 through October 6, 2016 with specific diagnosis codes. Providers received the following error message in TexMedConnect as a result of this issue: "Diagnosis\_\_\_ is invalid. Matching active diagnosis not found in the standard code set for the DOS." TMHP has updated the diagnosis codes descriptions in TexMedConnect and has corrected the issue as of October 6, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**334 (10/21/16 through 10/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention all Medicaid and Long Term Care Providers\*\*\*\*\***

To ensure continuity of care for eligible clients as they transition into STAR Kids, some existing prior authorizations previously scheduled to end in October or November 2016, will be extended by 90 days (for a list of services see the article on the TMHP website). Fee for service (FFS) Medicaid will honor some existing prior authorizations scheduled to end during October 2016 until October 31, 2016, for specific services previously authorized through FFS and covered by the STAR Kids program. After November 1, 2016, STAR Kids managed care organizations will honor existing prior authorizations. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**335 (10/21/16 through 10/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform extended system maintenance from 7 p.m. Friday, December 9, 2016, until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2016. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**336 (10/28/16 through 11/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The October 21, 2016, Remittance and Status (R&S) Report contains duplicate payouts and accounts receivable for Affordable Care Act supplemental payments that were originally reported on the April 22, 2016, R&S Report.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**337 (10/28/16 through 11/18/16) \*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers and CSHCN Program Services Providers\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Quick Tips to Avoid Common Provider Enrollment Deficiencies document. The updated version includes new information regarding the deficiency letter submission, Disclosure of Ownership, Principal Information Form (PIF-2), and Electronic Funds Transfer Notification.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**338 (10/28/16 through 11/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Systems Development Group at the Texas Department of State Health Services is requesting feedback from pediatric and adult primary care and specialty care physicians.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call Kelsey Anderson at (512) 776-3114.

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**339 (10/28/16 through 11/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

THMP has revised telephone numbers in the 835 Acute Care Companion Guide. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**340 (10/28/16 through 11/18/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There a correction to an article titled "Taxonomy Code Added for Some Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers," which was published on this website on September 30, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**341 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of discharges on or after November 1, 2016, Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will use version 34 of the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) system to process inpatient claims.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**342 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Providers are encouraged to participate in a survey concerning the TMHP Contact Center and the TMHP website. The information gathered through this survey will helps TMHP serve providers better by confirming services that are working well, identifying services that could be improved, and suggesting additional resources that could serve the needs of state health-care providers. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**343 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Family Planning Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, procedure code 82951 will become a benefit of the Family Planning Program for laboratory services. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**344 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Family Planning Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 15, 2016, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, some procedure codes became benefits for medical, surgery, consultation, laboratory services, and other medical items or services for the HHSC Family Planning Program (FFP). Some claims submitted by HHSC Family Planning Program providers may have been denied in error. Affected claims submitted with dates of service from August 1, 2016, through September 15, 2016, will be reprocessed. When the claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**345 (11/01/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services program respiratory system surgery procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**346 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP implemented third quarter additions and deletions to the 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) on October 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**347 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP implemented third quarter additions and deletions to the 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) on October 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**348 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2016, omalizumab benefit criteria will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**349 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2016, the additional omalizumab documentation requirements will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**350 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "TMHP Scheduled System Maintenance for November 13, 2016," which was published on the TMHP website on September 16, 2016. The scheduled maintenance has been extended and will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

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**351 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Long Term Care Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: To ensure continuity of care for eligible clients as they transition to STAR Kids, existing TMHP authorizations ending in October or November 2016 meeting the required criteria will be extended by 90 days. TMHP will transfer all open authorizations for STAR Kids clients to the appropriate managed care organizations (MCOs) by November 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**352 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide has been updated.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**353 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Healthy Texas Women procedure codes 58565, 74740, 90791, 90792, 99078, 99385, 99386, 99395, 99396, 99406, 99407, A4261, A4266, A4267, A4268, A4269, H1010, J7297, J7298, J7301, and S4993 are restricted to certain benefit limitations.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**354 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, the prior authorization form for outpatient mental health services will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**355 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, benefit criteria for outpatient mental health services will change for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**356 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to an article titled "Third Quarter 2016 HCPCS Updates," which was published on TMHP.com on October 21, 2016. Effective October 27, 2016, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, the following third quarter 2016 HCPCS procedure codes were updated: C9139, C9482, C9483. Claims submitted with dates of service October 1, 2016, through October 27, 2016, will be reprocessed. TMHP will automatically reprocess the affected claims. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for other reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete. When the affected claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**357 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective November 1, 2016, for dates of service on or after September 1, 2016, positron emission tomography (PET) procedure code 78816 will become a benefit with certain diagnosis codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**358 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Office of Medical Director (OMD) is automating its medical appeals process so that providers can send appeal files electronically to the OMD through a secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server. From the server, the electronic files can be retrieved for processing through the HHS Enterprise Administrative Report and Tracking System (HEART) application.

We are ready to test the applications new functionality for receiving appeal files and are asking for volunteers to help by submitting appeals in electronic format for testing only. Those providers who volunteer will be given detailed instructions regarding the submission process.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**359 (11/04/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Long Term Care Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Provider Authorization (PA) on the Portal does not accept prior authorization requests for services with start dates after a client is enrolled in managed care. For example, for clients transitioning to STAR Kids on November 1, 2016, providers should submit new prior authorization requests for services beginning on or after November 1, 2016, through the STAR Kids client's managed care organization (MCO).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**360 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Long Term Care Services Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will work existing authorization requests for services starting before November 1, 2016, that are received on or before October 31, 2016, until the request has reached final disposition (i.e., until the authorization request is approved or denied). Once the authorization has reached disposition, TMHP will send the final authorization decision to the client's STAR Kids managed care organization (MCO).

Authorization requests with dates of service by or on October 31, 2016, are subject to contractual continuity of care requirements. In the interim, if an authorization is pending TMHP review and has not been transferred to the appropriate MCOs, STAR Kids MCOs will exercise flexibility with their network providers to ensure their clients have access to medically necessary care during the transition period.

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

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**361 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 27, 2016, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, procedure codes 58562, 82951, G0202, G0204, and G0206 are benefits of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**362 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled, "Benefits for Diagnostic Dental Services to Change for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website on August 12, 2016. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**363 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled, "Temporary Enrollment Moratorium on Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers Extended and Expanded," that was published on the TMHP website on August 15, 2016. The update is that claims edits have been developed and will be deployed on December 9, 2016. Claims submitted by home health agency and non-emergency ground ambulance providers newly enrolled on or after July 29, 2016, will be denied for services rendered to Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) clients. Any claims paid prior to the claims edits being deployed, will be subject to recoupment. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**364 (11/11/16 through 12/02/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid \*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled "Prior Authorization for Clients Transitioning to STAR Kids Managed Care Program" that was published on the TMHP website on September 30, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**365 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Long Term Care Providers\*\*\*\*\***

During the STAR Kids transition, TMHP is extending some prior authorizations to ensure continuity of care for eligible clients. TMHP is extending by 90 days prior authorizations that meet the required criteria and that end in October or November 2016. The STAR Kids prior authorization extension extends service dates and does not change the units or frequency of services authorized. Managed care organizations (MCOs) should honor the same frequency and units for the extended period of the authorization. To ensure continuity of care, providers should contact STAR Kids MCOs about authorization extensions with dates of service after November 1, 2016.

If the STAR Kids transition results in the client having more than one prior authorization number (PAN) for the same services, the provider should use the PAN with the latest end date. This authorization extension continues for the entire 90 days, even if the authorization has already expired or the provider has already submitted and received approval for a new authorization.

Providers should contact STAR Kids MCOs for further information.

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**366 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met October 14, 2016, to make recommendations about clinical prior authorization criteria and which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). Their recommendations are now available at the Vendor Drug Program website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**367 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the ASC X12 837 Acute Care and Long Term Care Companion Guides. The companion guides are located on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) web page. The companion guides have been updated to comply with the operating rules of the Council of Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Template.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**368 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective December 1, 2016, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will no longer reimburse providers for the assistant surgery component of procedure code 67110.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**369 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, benefit criteria for behavioral health services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**370 (11/25/16 through 12/09/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, January 8, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**371 (11/18/16 through 11/25/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Thursday, November 24, 2016, is Thanksgiving Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, November 25, 2016. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**372 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**373 (12/02/16 through 12/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, TMHP will apply the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, changes, and deletions. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

The information will be available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on January 1, 2017. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**374 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: For reimbursement for a non-implantable hearing aid device, providers must submit documentation with the CMS-1500 paper claim form showing their cost for the hearing aid device. Providers must use the net acquisition cost as the amount billed on the claim, and providers must not use usual and customary fees as the amount billed. The documentation submitted with the claim must be a manufacturer invoice showing the net acquisition cost of the non-implantable hearing aid device. The Texas Medicaid reimbursement (i.e., the amount paid) will be based on Texas Administrative Code Title 1 §355.8141

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

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

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**375 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Comprehensive Care and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On December 6, 2016, and December 8, 2016, TMHP will offer live webinars designed to inform providers about the new Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) benefit. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**376 (11/25/16 through 12/16/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, hearing aid fitting and dispensing services can be billed using Audiologist; Otorhinolaryngology Ears, Nose, and Throat (ENT); and Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat (EENT) Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**377 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, January 15, 2017, from 12:01 p.m. through 3:00 a.m. Monday, January 16th, 2017. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**378 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has updated the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program Limited Provider Enrollment (Deeming) Application.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**379 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has reactivated the mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention for all programs previously covered by the benefit, including Fee for Service Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program. This also includes the Texas Standing Order for Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**380 (12/02/16 through 12/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has amended Title 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §354.1039, "Home Health Services Benefits and Limitations," to remove restrictive language in the rule that required a statement or medical information from the attending physician substantiating that the medical appliance or equipment continues to serve a specific medical purpose for the client.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**381 (12/02/16 through 12/23/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has clarified information that was mailed to providers and clients in prior authorization letters. The letters informed providers and clients that certain previously-authorized services would be extended for clients who transitioned to STAR Kids managed care.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]



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

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**382 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after December 15, 2016, reimbursement rate changes and updates for Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Services will be implemented.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**383 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, anesthesiologists directing one or multiple certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) and/or anesthesiologist assistants (AA) during medical procedures will be reimbursed at 75 percent of the established reimbursement rate. This reimbursement changes will apply for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**384 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, anesthesiologists directing one or multiple certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) and/or anesthesiologist assistants (AA) during medical procedures will be reimbursed at 75 percent of the established reimbursement rate. This reimbursement change will apply for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**385 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for diagnostic Doppler sonography for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**386 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2016, January 1, 2017, and March 1, 2017, proposed reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes were presented at a public rate hearing on November 16, 2016. Implementation of these reimbursement rates is pending; providers will be notified when a final decision has been made.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**387 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, proposed reimbursement rate changes for procedure codes included in the 2017 Annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update will be presented at a public rate hearing on January 11, 2017. Implementation of these reimbursement rates is pending; providers will be notified after the rate hearing when a final decision has been made.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**388 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2017, proposed reimbursement rate changes for Diagnostic Radiology Services, which includes Hospital Outpatient Diagnostic Radiology Services, will be presented at a public rate hearing on December 15, 2016. Implementation of these reimbursement rates is pending; providers will be notified after the rate hearing when a final decision has been made.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**389 (12/16/16 through 1/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2016, some procedure codes may be reimbursed to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for three encounter payments per Healthy Texas Women (HTW) client per year.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**390 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The HHSC Inspector General-Utilization Review (IG-UR) Unit has revised the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Validation process in compliance with Senate Bill 207, 84th Legislature (2015).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**391 (12/16/16 through 1/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective November 29, 2016, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program added mosquito repellent as a covered drug benefit for eligible clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**392 (12/16/16 through 01/06/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 15, 2016, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will align with Texas Medicaid reimbursement rate changes and updates for Therapy Services.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**393 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Women's Health Services Handbook, subsection 2.3.4, "Laboratory Procedures." This subsection incorrectly listed procedure code 84780, and it has been updated to list the correct procedure code 87480.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**394 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention THSteps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, Texas Health Steps (THSteps) mental health screening procedure code 99420 will be discontinued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in accordance with the 2017 annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update. Procedure code 99420 will be replaced by two new procedure codes, 96160 and 96161. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**395 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Delay in Date on which PPECC Prior Authorization Request May be Submitted," which was posted on this website on November 10, 2016. The Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) services benefit continues to be delayed. Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**396 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective December 9, 2016, the following prior authorization forms have been updated and are now available as fillable PDFs on this website and on TMHP's Prior Authorization on the Portal (PA on the Portal): CCP Prior Authorization Request Form and instructions, Home Health Plan of Care (POC) form and instructions, and Nursing Addendum to Plan of Care for Private Duty Nursing and/or Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**397 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is a correction to the article titled, "Effective December 1, 2016, Procedure Codes Reimbursement Update for FQHCs Treating HTW Clients." The correction is that procedure code J298 that is listed in the "Note" section of the article is missing a number. The correct procedure code is J7298.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**398 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All FQHC Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Women's Health Services Handbook, subsection 2.3.3.1, "FQHC Reimbursement for Other Family Planning Office or Outpatient Visits." This subsection incorrectly stated that Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may be reimbursed for three family planning encounters per Healthy Texas Women (HTW) client, per year.

The correct statement is: FQHCs may be reimbursed for three encounters per HTW client, regardless of service type, per year.

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

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**399 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, certain CSHCN Services Program procedure codes will be updated as follows: authorization and prior authorization requirements have been removed from some procedure codes and added for some procedure codes. The type of service has changed for some procedure codes or has been made not a benefit.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**400 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the microsurgery add-on procedure code 69990 will be a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**401 (12/23/16 through 01/13/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the microsurgery add-on procedure code 69990 will be a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**402 (12/30/16 through 01/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**403 (12/30/16 through 01/20/16) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the articles titled, "Procedure Code Updates for Dual-Eligible Clients Effective June 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016," and "Update to 'Procedure Code Updates for Dual-Eligible Clients Effective June 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016,'" which were published on the TMHP website May 25, 2016, and July 27, 2016. Effective January 1, 2017, some additional procedure codes are covered benefits of Medicare, and they must be submitted to Medicare before they are submitted to Medicaid for clients who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (i.e., dual-eligible clients).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**404 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a reminder article about allergy testing benefits for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**405 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On January 5, 2017, the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) will modify clinical prior authorization on all buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone combination products by changing the duration from 30 days to 90 days. The duration modification is a result of prescriber feedback.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**406 (12/30/16 through 1/20/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has expanded the mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention beyond December 31, 2016, for residents of Cameron County. The expansion is for all programs previously covered by the benefit, including fee-for-service (FFS) Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. This also includes the Texas Standing Order for Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**407 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, the first quarter 2017 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**408 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning January 1, 2017, changes will be made to the outstanding checks process for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHSN) Services Program providers. Providers that have not cashed their checks within 180 days of the issue date may submit a void check appeal to TMHP Cash Financial. The appeal is not a guarantee of payment.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126, or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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**409 (1/06/17 through 1/27/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide has been updated to include the 2017 filing deadline calendar. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

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**410 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2017, as a condition of enrollment in Texas Medicaid and in accordance with Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §455.434 and §455.450(c), fingerprint-based background checks are required for all high-categorical risk providers and their owners who have a 5 percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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