
Banner Messages for All of the 2018 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. 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 2018)

1 (12/15/17 through 1/05/18) ***** Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*****

This is a reminder to Texas Health Steps providers of the importance of documenting the complete Texas Health Steps checkup. Each of the six checkup components and their individual elements must be completed at the time of the checkup and documented in the medical record. Two critical checkup components to be emphasized are the requirement to provide vaccines and complete laboratory screening according to the periodicity schedule and laboratory submission requirements, both at the time of the checkup.

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

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

2 (12/15/17 through 01/12/18) ***** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after Nov. 1, 2017, anesthesia services provided by a resident physician and medically directed by an anesthesiologist must use the applicable procedure code and modifiers AA, U1 and GC (informational only) when a single claim per client is billed for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

3 (12/15/17 through 1/05/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Google has identified an issue with the most recent version of the Google Chrome browser that could affect users of TMHP portal applications. Users experiencing issues with TMHP portal applications while using this most recent version of Chrome should use either Internet Explorer 11, Firefox, or an older version of Chrome. Google has confirmed a fix for the Chrome issue is scheduled for release on Dec. 5, 2017.

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

4 (12/15/17 through 01/05/18) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2017, influenza virus vaccine procedure codes 90686 and 90688 will become benefits of the Healthy Texas Women program.

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

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

5 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Family Planning Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2017, some evaluation and management procedure codes will be reimbursed for Family Planning Program providers billing for prenatal visits with the TH modifier.

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

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

6 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts reimbursement for assistant surgery procedure codes 35621 and 35694 for clients 21 years old to 999 years old. Claims may have been paid incorrectly. Affected claims submitted for dates of service on and after April 1, 2016, will be reprocessed. No action is required by providers. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

7 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid CCP Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue with Inpatient Hospital claims submitted by some psychiatric hospitals and rehabilitation facilities for Medicaid clients 21 years of age or older. Claims submitted for these clients with dates of service prior to Dec. 8, 2017, may have been reimbursed in error. Comprehensive Care Program-only providers may not be reimbursed for Inpatient Hospital claims for Medicaid clients 21 years of age or older for these providers. These claims may be subject to reprocessing. If claims are to be reprocessed, information will be provided in a future provider notification.

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

8 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, procedure code 90792 will no longer be reimbursed to Case Management/Home- and Community-Based Services providers.

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

9 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, some changes will apply for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment waived tests.

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

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

10 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Pending final approval of the Nov. 16, 2017 rate hearing adjustments, the modifier to be submitted with services related to dental general anesthesia will change for Texas Medicaid. This change will be effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018.

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

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

11 (12/22/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, psychotherapy and psychiatric diagnostic evaluation and psychological, neurobehavioral and neuropsychological testing services benefits will be updated for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

12 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The request for medical records faxed to providers will include a revised Business Records Affidavit. The Inspector General/Utilization Review no longer requires a Client Record Inventory Form.

Providers must complete and submit the revised affidavit for each medical record requested for review.

IG-UR will not accept medical records without a properly completed and notarized affidavit.

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

13 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide has been updated to include the 2018 filing deadline calendar.

The updated document is available at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

14 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, the modifier to be submitted with procedure code 00170 for dental general anesthesia will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

15 (12/22/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, chemotherapy procedure code G0498 will become a benefit for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

16 (12/22/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, benefits will change for wheelchair cushion procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

17 (12/22/17 through 01/12/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, cervical orthoses procedure code L0113 will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services program.

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

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

18 (12/29/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The paper Provider Information Change Form was updated with an effective date of Nov. 1, 2017. TMHP will accept previous versions of the PIC form through March 31, 2018. Effective April 1, 2018, TMHP will only accept the new PIC form.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

19 (12/29/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and Medical Transportation Program Providers*******

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has published the provider enrollment application fee for calendar year 2018 in the Federal Register. Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the application fee for institutional providers submitting new enrollment applications or reenrollment applications for Texas Medicaid and the Medical Transportation Program will be \$569.00.

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

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

20 (12/29/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, some changes will apply for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment-waived tests.

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

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

21 (12/22/17 through 02/12/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, from 1 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.

22 (12/29/17 through 01/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2016, procedure code A6250 may be reimbursed as Medicaid-only. Providers are not required to submit this procedure code to Medicare before submitting it to Medicaid for services rendered to dual-eligible clients.

Affected claims billed to Medicare for procedure code A6250 and type of service 9, for dates of service from June 1, 2016, through Nov. 2, 2017, which were denied, will be reprocessed. Providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status reports.

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

23 (12/29/17 through 01/05/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, is New Year's Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by

Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. 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.

24 (01/05/18 through 01/26/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program, 2016 Second Quarter and Third Quarter Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes will become effective on Jan. 1, 2018, for dates of service on or after Jan. 1.

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

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

25 (01/05/18 through 01/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, proposed reimbursement rate changes will be presented at a public rate hearing on Feb. 7, 2018. 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. [[link](#)]

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

26 (01/05/18 through 01/26/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

The 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, changes, and deletions effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, are now available in the January 2018 HCPCS Special Bulletin, No. 13, on the Code Updates - HCPCS page of tmhp.com. Deleted procedure codes are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

27 (01/05/18 through 01/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the first quarter 2018 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.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

28 (01/05/18 through 01/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted with medical supply procedure code A7000. Procedure code A7000 does not require prior authorization.

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

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

29 (01/12/18 through 02/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning Jan. 9, 2018, Texas Health and Human Services will limit the daily morphine equivalent dose for clients enrolled in Medicaid fee-for-service.

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

30 (01/12/18 through 02/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, Pathology and Laboratory Services drug testing procedure codes 80305, 80306, 80307 and G0659 will be reimbursable for physician assistant, nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist providers.

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

31 (01/12/18 through 02/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning Feb. 1, 2018, the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Gynecological, Obstetrics and Family Planning Handbook will be updated to include references to long-acting reversible contraceptives.

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

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

32 (01/12/18 through 02/02/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention ended Dec. 31, 2017. It is currently not a benefit for the CSHCN Services Program.

33 (01/12/18 through 02/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and Medical Transportation Program Providers *******

TMHP has updated the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application, the Medical Transportation Program Provider Application and the Affordable Care Act Provider Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions document to include the new enrollment application fee of \$569.00. The revised versions will be available on the TMHP website beginning Jan. 2, 2018. The changes to the applications are also reflected in Provider Enrollment on the Portal.

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

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

34 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning Jan. 26, 2018, TMHP will update the TexMedConnect Eligibility Verification template for batch printing.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

35 (01/26/18 through 02/16/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning March 1, 2018, the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, Chapter 26, "Medical Nutrition Services," will be updated to include language about the medical foods reimbursement amount.

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

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

36 (01/19/18 through 02/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting is available. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

37 (01/26/18 through 02/16/18) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies and Nutritional Products Handbook to include prior authorization requirements for gradient compression stockings.

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

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

38 (01/19/18 through 02/09/18) ***Attention ALL CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is a correction to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual regarding the fax numbers for prior authorization and authorization requests.

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

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

39 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

40 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Blood Products procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services program were changed.

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

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

41 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a follow up to the article titled, "Incorrect Anesthesia Rates Displayed on Static Fee Schedule PRCR400C for CRNA Services Procedure Codes," which was published on the TMHP website on December 1, 2017. TMHP has identified an issue with the fee schedule not displaying the correct percentage reductions and/or reimbursement rates on the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist/Anesthesiologist Assistants static fee schedule.

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

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

42 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The implementation of the next Texas Medicaid Preferred Drug List has been delayed until Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, and will only include changes approved at the Jul. 28, 2017 Drug Utilization Review Board meetings. There will be a follow-up implementation at a later date to deploy those changes recommended at the Nov. 3, 2017 DUR board meeting.

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

43 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

HHSC has published an update to the January 2018 National Drug Code -to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System crosswalk, which was originally published on Jan. 12. The update contains a change to Aliqopa (NDC 50419038501). The start date for this NDC is Jan. 12, 2018.

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

44 (02/09/18 through 03/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Updates to Provider Enrollment on the Portal will become effective March 26, 2018. Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

45 (02/09/18 through 03/02/18) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*******

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide has been updated. Vaccine procedure code 90756 was added to the influenza section under the column titled "Immunizations Administered."

The updated document is available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [\[link\]](#)

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

46 (02/09/18 through 03/02/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning Jan. 30, 2018, for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, Levulan Kerastick procedure code J7308 is a payable benefit of Texas Medicaid.

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

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

47 (02/02/18 through 02/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

There is an update to the January 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Special Bulletin, No. 13, which was published on the TMHP website December 29, 2017.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

48 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from Dec. 18, 2015, through Nov. 2, 2017, to determine whether the claims were paid outside of the spell-of-illness limitation, which is thirty days of inpatient hospital care.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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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(02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning April 1, 2018, the Medicare Health Insurance Claim number, which consists of a patient's social security number and a supplemental code (or suffix), will be replaced by a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier. Medicare will begin mailing the new cards April 1, 2018.

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

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

50 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On April 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered benefits of Texas Medicaid.

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

For clinician administered drug procedure codes included in a quarterly HCPCS update and approved to be added as Medicaid benefits by HHSC, the rate may be effective as of the CMS effective date.

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

51 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2018, the second quarter 2018 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid.

Second quarter changes will include application of NCCI Medically Unlikely Edit guidelines for therapy treatment procedure codes 92507, 92508, 92526, and 97150.

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

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

52 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On April 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered benefits of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes 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-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

53 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2018, the second quarter 2018 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Second quarter changes will include application of NCCI Medically Unlikely Edit guidelines for therapy treatment procedure codes 92507 and 92526.

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

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

54 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2018, the reimbursement for miscellaneous procedure codes B9998 and T1999 will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

55 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018, proposed reimbursement rate changes for some procedure codes were presented at a public rate hearing on Jan. 11, 2018, and the reimbursement rates are now available. The TMHP static fee schedules will be posted to reflect the updated rates on Feb. 8, 2018.

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

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

56 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform a firewall upgrade from 1 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2018. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the firewall 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.

57 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform extended system maintenance beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window with the exception of Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Needs Services Program phone and fax operations.

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.

58 (02/16/18 through 03/09/18) ***Attention Qualified Rehabilitation Professionals *******

Procedure codes 97542-U1 and 97542-U2 for Qualified Rehabilitation Professionals will be added to the DMEPOS - TOS 9, E, J, L, and R Static Fee Schedule. The fee schedule will be available on the TMHP Static Fee Schedules page on the TMHP website by April 15, 2018. These procedure codes are currently a benefit but are not displayed on the fee schedules at this time.

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

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

59 (02/23/18 through 03/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On March 22, 2018, TMHP will conduct a live webinar designed to offer a high-level introduction to Provider Revalidation using Provider Enrollment on the Portal.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

60 (02/23/18 through 03/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2018, TMHP will add new taxonomy codes associated with allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

61 (03/02/17 through 03/23/17) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Rendering Provider National Provider Identifier on Fee-for-Service Institutional Claims Forms: Frequently Asked Questions document is now available.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

62 (03/02/17 through 03/23/17) *** Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, procedure code requirements for private duty nursing services will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

63 (02/23/18 through 03/16/18) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: For dates of service on or after March 1, 2018, the rendering provider National Provider Identifier must be submitted on institutional claims in block 78 or 79 of the paper claim form or the electronic equivalent. Applicable claims submitted without the rendering provider NPI will be denied.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

64 (03/02/08 through 04/9/18) *** Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, April 8, 2018, from 4 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.

65 (03/02/18 through 03/23/18) *** Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The February 2018 Drug Labeler file for CMS fiscal year 2017, quarter 3, is now available online for clinician-administered drug processing. The file identifies all drug labelers that participate in the CMS Drug Medicaid Rebate Program. The file is produced quarterly, about forty-five days after the end of the calendar quarter. CAD processing instructions and frequently-asked questions are also available.

66 (03/02/18 through 03/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met Nov. 3, 2017, to make recommendations about drugs to be included on the Medicaid preferred drug list. The approved list of PDL decisions is now available and will implement with the PDL update on Friday, March 9. (Decisions from the July 2017 meeting were implemented with the PDL update on Feb. 1.)

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

67 (03/02/18 through 03/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

HHSC will publish an update to the Texas Medicaid Preferred Drug List on March 9 that includes changes approved at the Nov. 3, 2017, Drug Utilization Review Board meeting. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

68 (03/09/18 through 03/30/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is a correction to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual regarding procedure code 90846 for outpatient behavioral health services.

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

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

69 (03/09/18 through 03/30/18) ***Attention Private Duty Nursing Providers*******

Beginning March 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Home Health Nursing and Private Duty Nursing Services Handbook to revise some statements throughout Section 4, "Private Duty Nursing Services - CCP." The revisions are necessary to remove references to Managed Care Organizations which do not align with MCO contracts, PDN policy or Texas Administrative Code.

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

70 (03/09/18 through 03/30/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Texas Health and Human Services Commission is delaying the implementation of the rendering provider requirement. HHSC will provide additional information in the future regarding the deployment delay.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

71 (3/09/18 through 03/30/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "New Medicare Card to Become Effective April 1, 2018," that was published on the TMHP website on February 9, 2018.

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

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

72 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: It is the responsibility of the billing provider to ensure that submitted claims contain the National Provider Identifier number of the physician or other professional who ordered, referred or prescribed the items or services. Additionally, all ordering, referring or prescribing providers must be enrolled as participating providers in Texas Medicaid as required. Be advised that claims will be denied if the NPI is missing or invalid and if the provider is not appropriately enrolled.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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 1-800-925-9126.

73 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

National Provider Identifier requirements are currently waived for Personal Care Services and Community First Choice until further notice.

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

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

74 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, section 21.3.4.2, "Limitations for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy."

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

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

75 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2018, there will be changes to ambulance services prior authorization requirements and forms for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

76 (03/23/18 through 04/13/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is releasing clarification to assist physical, occupational and speech therapy providers on the required elements of initial evaluation and re-evaluation plans of care that frequently result in the prior authorization request to pend for missing or inadequate information.

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

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

77 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program procedure codes will change.

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

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

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(03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective Jan. 29, 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services extended the moratorium on the enrollment of new home health agency providers. The moratorium continues to include all counties across the state of Texas and is applicable to services rendered to Medicaid fee-for-service clients. The moratorium does not apply to services provided to clients who are enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan.

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

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

79 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications from new candidates for the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Audit Ad Hoc Review Panel. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

80 (03/16/18 through 04/06/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform extended system maintenance from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018, to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window with the exception of Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Needs Services Program phone and fax operations.

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.

81 (3/16/18 through 05/6/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 4 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.

82 (03/23/2018 through 4/13/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective April 1, 2018," which was published on TMHP website on Dec. 28, 2017.

Effective for dates of services on or after April 1, 2018, reimbursement rate changes presented at a public rate hearing on Feb. 7, 2018, will be implemented.

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

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

83 (03/30/18 through 04/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective immediately, hospital providers rendering neonatal services should submit their neonatal designation applications to the Texas Department of State Health Services as soon as possible. Completed applications must be submitted before July 1, 2018. Applications received after July 1, will not be considered for approval.

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

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

84 (03/30/18 through 4/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes-to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing. The NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk identifies relationships between National Drug Codes and Medicaid payable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes. The crosswalk is published monthly, based on quarterly additions to the CMS list of rebate-eligible drugs and new drugs that are added monthly to the First Data Bank pricing compendia. The crosswalk is intended to assist providers with accurate claims submission.

CAD processing instructions and frequently-asked questions are also available.

85 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some First Quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes will change.

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

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

86 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The updated Your Texas Benefits Medicaid Card Provider Frequently Asked Questions document is now available on the TMHP website.

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

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

87 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

The Galveston County Health District is working in conjunction with the Department of State Health Services to investigate the risk of disease transmission related to infection control practices at the Coastal Health & Wellness clinics in Texas City and Galveston.

Individuals who received certain dental or medical procedures at CHW from March 1, 2015, to February 13, 2018, are strongly advised to get tested for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. Tests will be provided free of charge at the Health District office.

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

88 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning April 2, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will enhance the restriction on the use of opioid cough and cold products for clients enrolled in Medicaid fee-for-service and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program to deny coverage of these products for clients younger than 18 years of age.

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

89 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2018, anesthesia reimbursement benefit language will be clarified for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

90 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2018, the second quarter 2018 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.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

91 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On March 15, 2018, TMHP implemented the first quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018.

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

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

92 (04/06/18 through 04/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On March 15, 2018, TMHP implemented the first quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018.

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

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

93 (04/13/18 through 05/04/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board held its quarterly meeting on Jan. 26, 2018, to make recommendations for the Texas Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and preferred drug list (PDL). A summary of the meeting is now available at the Vendor Drug Program website. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2018.

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

94 (04/13/18 through 05/04/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, and July 1, 2018, proposed reimbursement rate changes will be presented at a public rate hearing on May 15, 2018. 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. [[link](#)]

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

95 (04/20/18 through 05/11/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, physician evaluation and management benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

96 (04/20/18 through 05/11/18) ***Attention CHIP Providers*******

Available immediately, CHIP providers and submitters wishing to request and receive CHIP member eligibility using HIPAA X12 270/271 transactions may begin utilizing a new eligibility system. CHIP providers and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) submitters may begin the Trading Partner Testing process by contacting TMHP at EDI.Eligibility@tmhp.com to receive the 270/271 Eligibility Inquiry and Response Companion Guide, information and instructions on the testing process and to obtain the Trading Partner Agreement.

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

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

97 (04/20/18 through 05/11/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On May 10, 2018, TMHP will conduct a live webinar designed to offer a high-level overview of resources and applications available to providers on the TMHP website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

98 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, proposed reimbursement rate changes will be presented at a public rate hearing on May 3, 2018. 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. [[link](#)]

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

99 (4/20/18 through 06/10/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, June 10, 2018, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the 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.

100 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue with professional component claims that require Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certification, and were billed in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

101 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention Durable Medical Equipment Providers*******

Beginning May 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Section 2.7.3.6, "Documentation of Supply Delivery," and Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook, Section 2.2.3, "Medical Supplies," to modify the delivery slip requirement.

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

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

102 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

103 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Friday, April 27 Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting is available online.

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

104 (05/04/18 through 05/25/18) *** Attention All Family Planning Program and Healthy Texas Women Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2018, procedure code G0433 is a benefit of the state-funded Family Planning Program and the Healthy Texas Women program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126. [[link](#)]

105 (04/27/18 through 05/18/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 17, 2018, the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program reimbursement rates for some 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes will implement for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413. [[link](#)]

106 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

A recording of the Provider Revalidation webinar that was conducted on March 22, 2018, and the associated Question & Answer document are now available online.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

107 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects Medicare crossover claims (i.e., claims with respect to "dual eligible" recipients who are covered by both Medicare and Medicaid) for Physical (PT), Occupational (OT) and Speech Therapy (ST) services, with dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2017. These claims paid \$0.00 of the allowed coinsurance amount.

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

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

108 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2018, TMHP has updated the Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program ambulance services prior authorization forms.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

109 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The updated Ambulance Basics computer-based training is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

110 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On May 1, 2018, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits Crosswalk tables

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. [[link](#)]

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

111 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Long Term Services and Support Providers*******

The enrollment deadline has been extended to July 1, 2018, for Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) providers serving managed care members (Managed Care Organization [MCO]) that are required to enroll through the Medicaid MCO LTSS provider enrollment process.

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

112 (05/04/18 through 06/25/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program is releasing additional clarification to assist physical, occupational and speech therapy providers with the elements of initial and extension plans of care that frequently result in prior authorization requests to pend due to missing or inadequate information.

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

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

113 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Texas Medicaid Providers*******

When submitting cost reports to TMHP, providers should include the Health Financial Systems (HFS) .MCRx file, or equivalent file, used to calculate the cost report.

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

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

114 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted with some Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment procedure codes for dates of service from January 1, 2018, through February 6, 2018. These claims may have been reimbursed incorrectly.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

115 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning May 30, 2018, HHSC will decrease the daily morphine equivalent dose (MED) limit for people enrolled in Medicaid fee-for-service. The new limit will be set at 240 MED, and will be applied to all opioid prescriptions with exceptions for those people diagnosed with cancer or those receiving palliative or hospice care.

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

116 (05/11/18 through 06/01/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the article titled "Reimbursement Rate Updates for Some First Quarter 2018 HCPCS Procedure Codes to be Effective April 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website on March 28, 2018.

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

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

117 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations § 455.450, TMHP will begin adjusting the Screen Risk Category from Limited or Moderate to High for providers that meet certain conditions. The adjustment in risk category will occur when an enrollment or revalidation application is submitted. The reason for the adjustment in risk category will be displayed on the landing page of TMHP's Provider Information Management System once the enrollment process has been completed.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

118 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning July 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Provider Information Management System to display the assigned Screen Risk category and Elevation Reasons for providers enrolled in Texas Medicaid.

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.

119 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Special Bulletin, No. 13, which was published on the TMHP website December 29, 2017.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

120 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the maximum limitation for respiratory supply procedure codes A4216 and A7000 will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

121 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the maximum limitation for nutritional supply procedure code A4322 will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

122 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the maximum limitation for diabetic supply procedure codes A6257 and A6258 will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

123 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the maximum limitation for some incontinence supplies will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

124 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, prior authorization requirements for some intravenous therapy supplies will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

125 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, wound care equipment and supply benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

126 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective July 1, 2018, the prior authorization form for wound care equipment and supplies will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

127 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On July 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the second quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes 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-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

128 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On July 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the second quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of Texas Medicaid. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For clinician administered drug procedure codes included in a quarterly HCPCS update and approved to be added as Medicaid benefits by HHSC, the rate may be effective as of the CMS effective date.

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

129 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program procedure codes will change.

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

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

130 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, postpartum depression screening will become a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

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

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

131 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention Texas Health Steps Providers Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, mental health screening benefits will change for Texas Health Steps.

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

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

132 (05/25/18 through 06/15/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning June 16, 2018, Individual Transportation Participants (ITPs) must submit the ITP application to TMHP to provide nonemergency medical transportation services in Region 4. ITPs must submit claims for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, for clients who reside in Region 4, to TMHP.

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

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

133 (05/18/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday July 8, 2018, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

134 (06/01/18 through 06/22/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes (NDC) to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing. The NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk identifies relationships between National Drug Codes and Medicaid payable HCPCS codes. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

135 (06/01/18 through 06/22/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board held its quarterly meeting on April 27, 2018, to make recommendations for Texas Medicaid's clinical prior authorizations and preferred drug list. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

136 (06/01/18 through 06/22/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly Drug Labeler file is now available for clinician-administered drug processing. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

137 (06/01/18 through 06/22/18) ***Attention <SHARS> Providers*******

Texas Medicaid instituted third party liability (TPL) policy requirements using the "pay and recover later" method for School Health and Related Services (SHARS) providers on October 1, 2017. Using the pay and recover TPL process for SHARS means that Medicaid pays the school district for services before third party reimbursement is sought. The state is permitted a three-year lookback period to seek recovery claims after the effective date of this policy. If the third party insurance denies a claim for an acceptable reason, no further action is taken.

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

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

138 (06/01/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, May 28, 2018, is Memorial Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, June 4, 2018. 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.

139 (06/01/18 through 06/08/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, May 28, 2018, is Memorial Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, June 4, 2018. 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.

140 (06/08/18 through 06/29/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, 2017 Second Quarter Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes will implement.

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

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

141 (06/08/18 through 06/29/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On May 29, 2018, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits Crosswalk tables.

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. [[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.

142 (06/08/18 through 06/29/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

A recording of the TMHP Website Navigation webinar that was conducted on May 10, 2018, and the associated Question & Answer document are now available online.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

143 (06/08/18 through 06/29/18) ***Attention All Texas Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the article titled "Cost Report Submissions to TMHP Should Include File Used to Calculate the Cost Report," which was published on this website on April 30, 2018.

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

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

(06/15/18 through 07/06/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, influenza vaccine procedure code 90682 will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

144 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Remittance and Status (R&S) Report Computer-Based Training (CBT) has been updated and is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

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

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

145 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program will revise the anti-psychotics clinical prior authorization for traditional Medicaid enrolled clients beginning July 2, 2018.

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

146 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program will implement a clinical prior authorization for Symdeko for traditional Medicaid enrolled clients.

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

147 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Home telemonitoring prior authorizations and claims for STAR+PLUS Medicaid Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (MQMB) clients not covered through a Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) should be submitted

to TMHP for fee-for-service payment. Home telemonitoring prior authorizations and claims for STAR+PLUS MQMBs covered through an MMP should be submitted to the client's health plan.

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

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

148 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, mental health screening benefits will change for The Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

149 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program procedure codes will change.

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

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

150 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective July 1, 2018, the third quarter 2018 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. [[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.

151 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes (NDC) and Medicaid payable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

152 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Wound Care Equipment and Supply Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid July 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website May 11, 2018.

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

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

153 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, postpartum depression screening will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

154 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

This is an update to an article titled "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective June 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018", which was published on TMHP website on April 6, 2018.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, reimbursement rate changes presented at a public rate hearing on May 15, 2018, will be implemented.

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

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

155 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, August 12, 2018, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

156 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has updated some laboratory procedure codes to comply with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment guidelines and to align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Affected claims may result in an additional payment or recoupment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status Reports.

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

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

157 (06/22/18 through 07/13/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has updated some laboratory procedure codes to comply with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment guidelines and to align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Affected claims may result in an additional payment or recoupment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status reports.

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

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

158 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The enrollment deadline has been extended to September 1, 2018, for Long Term Support Services (LTSS) providers serving managed care organization (MCO) members that are required to enroll through the Medicaid MCO LTSS provider enrollment process.

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

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

159 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention all Medicaid Providers*******

To ensure compliance with 42 CFR 440.70; beginning July 1, 2018, a face-to-face encounter must be documented no more than six months prior to the start of home health services. Previously, the date was allowed to be within the last twelve months.

Note: The physician waiver will no longer be accepted for any home health services including skilled nursing. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

160 (06/29/18 through 07/20/18) ***Attention <All Medicaid> Providers*******

On April 30, 2018, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) released guidance to managed care organizations (MCOs) regarding MCO responsibility for ensuring timely access to medically necessary services. There is additional clarification on that guidance.

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

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

161 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, anesthesia reimbursement benefit language will be clarified for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

162 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On June 28, 2018, TMHP implemented the second quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018.

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

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

163 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On June 28, 2018, TMHP implemented the second quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018.

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

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

164 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a reminder that all diagnosis codes submitted on a claim must be appropriate for the age and gender of the client as identified in the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) description of the diagnosis code.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

165 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the list of drugs included in the method I composite rate for renal dialysis facilities will be updated.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

166 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*******

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide has been updated. Under the column titled "Mental Health Screening," additional screening tools for adolescents have been added. The mental health screening limitation was updated for procedure codes 96160 and 96161. New postpartum depression screening procedure codes G8431 and G8510 were added.

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

The updated document is available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

167 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of admission on or after September 1, 2018, hospitals enrolled in Texas Medicaid may be reimbursed for inpatient neonatal services only if the hospitals have received a neonatal level of care designation from the Department of State Health Services in accordance with 25 Texas Administrative

Code §§133.181 -133.190. The neonatal level of care designation applies to Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

168 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Fee-for-Service Hospital Providers*******

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Utilization Review (UR) will soon establish accounts receivables for hospital utilization review providers to recover previously identified dollars associated with explanation of benefits (EOB) 00739 message: DX/PROCEDURE CODE SEQUENCING CHANGE FOR APPROPRIATE DRG ASSIGNMENT AS A RESULT OF RETROSPECTIVE UTILIZATION REVIEW OR TO CORRECT CODING ERROR.

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

169 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The June 2018 specialty drug list is now available.

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

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

170 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Providers can save time when submitting prior authorizations with TMHP's Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal. PA on the Portal responds to provider input with easy-to-use features, including complete acceptance of electronic submissions, quick status checks, enhanced search capabilities, and more.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

171 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Updates to practice location requirements for moderate and high risk providers requiring site visits and Provider Enrollment on the Portal will require Department of State Health Services and Health and Human Services Commission-Long Term Care (formerly Department of Aging and Disability Services) license information associated to the enrolling facility, effective August 24, 2018.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

172 (07/06/18 through 07/27/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, procedure code C9745 will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

173 (07/27/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All Dental Providers *******

Effective August 1, 2018, the limitation for dental procedure codes D4260 and D4261 will change for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

174 (07/20/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2018, the rendering provider taxonomy code must be included on professional claims submitted to managed care organizations.

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

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

175 (07/20/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, services rendered by a therapy assistant (billed with modifier UB) will be reimbursed at 70 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist.

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

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

176 (07/20/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to become Effective September 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website on April 19, 2018.

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, reimbursement rate changes presented at a public rate hearing on May 3, 2018, will be implemented.

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

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

177 (07/20/2018 through 08/11/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, and October 1, 2018, proposed reimbursement rate changes will be presented at a public rate hearing on August 14, 2018. Implementation of these reimbursement rates is pending. Providers will be notified when a final decision is made.

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

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

178 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Wednesday, July 4, 2018, was Independence Day, which was a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, July 9, 2018. 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.

179 (07/20/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All Family Planning Program Providers*******

In July 2018, TMHP will change the value of funds gone and informational claims on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports. Providers that have funds gone and informational claims currently see a value of "1," which will change to a value of "25."

Payments will not be impacted by this change.

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.

180 (07/13/18 through 08/03/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid will publish the semi-annual update of the Medicaid preferred drug list on July 26.

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

181 (07/27/18 through 08/17/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on Friday, July 27, 2018, is now available.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

182 (07/27/18 through 08/17/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health Steps Medical and Dental Services Computer-Based Training has been updated and is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

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

183 (07/27/2018 through 08/17/2018) ***Attention all Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning August 1, 2018, "psychiatrist" will be updated to "physician" regarding reimbursement for psychiatric diagnostic evaluations in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

184 (07/27/18 through 08/10/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: Cochlear implants rechargeable lithium-ion batteries procedure codes L8623 and L8624 are limited to two per calendar year for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

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

185 (07/27/18 through 08/17/18) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

If a provider is faxing prior authorization requests for more than one client, each client request must be faxed individually with a separate cover sheet. Requests received with multiple clients will be returned to the provider for resubmission.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

186 (07/27/18 through 08/17/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects professional and outpatient Medicare crossover claims (i.e., claims with respect to dual eligible recipients who are covered by both Medicare and Medicaid) for procedure codes limited to specific ages. These crossover claims were paid incorrectly and should have paid \$0.00.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

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

187 (07/27/18 through 08/17/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program procedure codes will change.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[Link](#)]

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

188 (08/03/2018 through 08/24/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective July 31, 2018, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the reimbursement rate for 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System clinician administered drug procedure code C9032 will change.

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

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

189 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Dental Providers*******

Reminder: Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, prior authorization is required for clients ages six and younger for all Level 4 sedation/general anesthesia services (procedure code D9222, D9223, and procedure code 00170 with U3 modifier) performed in conjunction with dental therapeutic services.

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

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

190 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Fee-for-Service Hospital Providers*******

There is a follow up to the article titled "Accounts Receivable to Be Established for Hospital Utilization Review Providers for Recovery Associated with EOB Message EOB00739," which was published on the TMHP website on July 3, 2018.

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

191 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

192 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, nusinersen (procedure code J2326) is a benefit for durable medical equipment pharmacy providers when provided in the office or outpatient hospital setting.

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

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

193 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective July 10, 2018, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, benefit criteria for procedure code A6250 without a modifier will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

194 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective July 31, 2018, TMHP has updated the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Home Health Skilled Nursing Request and Plan of Care Form and Instructions.

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

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

195 (08/10/18 through 08/31/18) ***Attention Telehealth and Telemedicine Services Providers*******

This is a correction to the article titled "Update to TMPPM Telecommunication Services Handbook." The asterisk will remain on telehealth distant site services procedure codes 90832, 90834, and 90837 in the table of section 3.3.1, "Distant Site," to indicate that family members are included.

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

196 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention Telehealth and Telemedicine Services Providers*******

Beginning August 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Telecommunication Services Handbook within the Telemedicine and Telehealth sections.

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

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

197 (08/03/18 through 08/24/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 9, 2018, Texas Medicaid will implement changes for a more secure encryption protocol when accessing TMHP applications that require login.

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

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

198 (08/10/18 through 08/31/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On July 20, 2018, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Crosswalk tables.

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. [[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.

199 (08/10/18 through 08/31/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a reminder that providers are required to use a client's correct name as it appears in their Medicaid or Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program records.

Providers must fill out essential fields on a prior authorization form completely and correctly to avoid unnecessary delays.

Providers may refer to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Prior Authorization Handbook, section 5.4 "Submitting Prior Authorization Forms" or the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, Prior Authorizations and Authorizations Handbook, section 4.3.5 "How to Submit a Prior Authorization Request."

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.

200 (08/10/18 through 08/31/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, procedure code C9399 for unclassified drugs or biologicals will no longer be a benefit of 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.

201 (08/17/18 through 09/07/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, benefit language for Hydroxyprogesterone caproate procedure codes J1726 and J1729 will be updated in the Obstetric Services policy for Texas Medicaid.

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

202 (08/17/2018 through 9/07/2018) ***Attention all Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning September 1, 2018, the statement "Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to practice under Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4512L" will be updated to "Texas Medical Board to practice under Chapter 604 of the Texas Occupations Code" regarding certification requirements for providers of respiratory therapy services in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM).

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

203 (08/17/18 through 09/07/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Services Program will align with Texas Medicaid; services rendered by a therapy assistant (billed with modifier UB) will be reimbursed 70 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist.

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

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

204 (08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Dental Providers *******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, lifetime limitations for restorations and stainless steel crowns will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

205 (08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On October 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of Texas Medicaid. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For clinician administered drug procedure codes included in a quarterly HCPCS update and approved to be added as Medicaid benefits by HHSC, the rate may be effective as of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services effective date.

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

206 (08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018, telemedicine and telehealth benefit policy language will be updated for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

207 (08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On September 19, 2018, TMHP will conduct a live webinar designed to offer a high-level introduction to the Prior Authorization policies and procedures. The webinar is intended to educate, assist, and support providers who submit authorization and prior authorization requests.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

(08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On October 1, 2018, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes 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-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

208 (08/31/18 through 09/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, Luxturna (procedure code C9032) is a benefit of Texas Medicaid for clients who are 1 through 65 years of age.

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

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

209 (08/31/18 through 09/07/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, September 3, 2018, is Labor Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, September 10, 2018. 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.

210 (08/24/18 through 09/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Health and Human Services Commission has delayed implementation of the rendering provider requirement. HHSC will provide additional information in the future regarding the delay in deployment.

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

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

211 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a reminder that information printed or typed in fields on a prior authorization request form must match the information entered into the fields on Prior Authorization (PA) on the Portal. Providers must fill out essential fields on the request form and PA on the Portal completely and correctly to avoid unnecessary delays.

Providers may refer to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Prior Authorization Handbook, and the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, Prior Authorization and Authorizations Handbook, for more information about submitting prior authorization requests. Links to PA on the Portal, and prior authorization request forms can be found on the left-hand menu of the Prior Authorization webpage on the TMHP website.

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.

212 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program has revised the clinical prior authorization criteria guide for the Vascular Monoamine Transporter 2 Inhibitors.

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

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

213 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes (NDC) to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

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

214 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board held its quarterly meeting on July 27, 2018, to make recommendations for Texas Medicaid's clinical prior authorizations and preferred drug list. A summary of the meeting is available at the Vendor Drug Program website. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018.

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

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

215 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All THSteps Dental Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the reimbursement rate for procedure code D2335 will change, but reimbursement will continue at a rate higher than the cost of a stainless steel crown. This change applies for both primary and permanent teeth.

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

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

216 (09/14/18 through 10/05/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from June 29, 2016, through May 19, 2018. The review is being conducted 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. [[link](#)]

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

217 (09/07/18 through 09/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Neonatal Level of Care Designation Required for Hospital Providers Rendering Neonatal Inpatient Services," which was published on the TMHP website on July 6, 2018. The required start date for the neonatal level of care designation requirement for hospital providers that render neonatal inpatient services is now October 1, 2018. The affected neonatal services are applicable for Texas Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

218 (09/14/18 through 10/05/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The 2018-2019 Respiratory Syncytial Virus season begins October 1, 2018, for many counties in Texas. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

219 (09/14/18 through 10/05/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program has initiated an annual internal review to examine groups of clinical prior authorizations for revision over the coming months. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

220 (09/14/18 through 10/05/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning October 1, 2018, TMHP will remove references to the Texas Medicaid Wellness Program (TMWP) from the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM), Client Eligibility Handbook, Section 4.8, "Texas Medicaid Wellness Program," as this program no longer exists. The term disease management program will also be removed in reference to TMWP from the TMPPM, Telecommunication Services Handbook, Section 3.6.1, "Documentation Requirements for Telemonitoring Providers," and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual, Telecommunication Services Chapter, subsection 38.2.4.2, "Prior Authorization Guidelines."

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.

221 (09/14/18 through 10/05/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning October 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Clinician-Administered Drugs Handbook to include benefit criteria and prior authorization requirements in Section 28, "Inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa)."

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

222 (09/21/18 through 10/12/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for Respiratory System Surgery procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program will change.

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

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

223 (09/21/18 through 10/12/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is a correction to the All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR-DRG) Grouper 35 file, effective for inpatient hospital claims with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2017.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

224 (09/21/18 through 10/12/18) ***Attention all Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook, subsection 2.2.17.2.6, "Enteral Supplies." This subsection incorrectly lists procedure code A4520 and will be updated to list the correct procedure code A5200 with the October 2018 release.

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

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

225 (09/21/18 through 10/12/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for Respiratory System Surgery procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program will change.

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

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

226 (9/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2018, TMHP will add new taxonomy codes associated with allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

227 (9/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Reminder: Providers must include modifier U3 on the Texas Health Steps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization Request Form for procedure code 00170 for general anesthesia. Requests submitted without the U3 modifier will be returned to the provider.

For additional information about dental general anesthesia, providers may refer to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, subsection 4.2.23, "Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia"

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

228 (09/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, prior authorization criteria for benralizumab (procedure code C9466) will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

229 (09/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Hearing Services Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, benefit and policy language will change for hearing devices.

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

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

230 (09/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Hearing Services Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, benefit and policy language will change for otology and audiometry services.

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

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

231 (9/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will change from 56.88 percent to 58.19 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 increased to match the change in the FMAP.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will change from 92.82 to 93.73 percent to percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

232 (09/28/18 through 10/19/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2018, the CSHCN Services Program Prior Authorization Request for Inpatient Hospital Admission-For Use by Facilities Only Instructions will be updated to clarify diagnosis and date requirements, and resubmission guidelines for emergency hospital admission requests.

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

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

233 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning October 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Section 5.3.11.1.4, "Postpartum Depression Screening," to correct a typo in procedure code G8540. The procedure code should be listed as G8510 and will be updated.

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

234 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

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

235 (10/05/18 through 10/26/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2018, and October 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website July 10, 2018.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, and October 1, 2018, reimbursement rate changes presented at a public rate hearing on August 14, 2018, will be implemented.

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

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

236 (10/05/18through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 27, 2018, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some second quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes will change.

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

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

237 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Claim Appeals for Medicaid computer-based training course has been updated and is now available. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]
For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

238 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2018, the fourth quarter 2018 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. [[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.

239 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On September 27, 2018, TMHP implemented the third quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018.
Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]
For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413

240 (10/05/18 through 10/26/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On September 27, 2018, TMHP implemented the third quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018.
Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]
For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

241 (10/13/2018-11/03/2018) ***Attention all Medicaid Providers*******

On October 26, 2018, TMHP will conduct a live webinar designed to offer a high-level overview of Telemedicine and Telehealth Services and resources available to providers.
Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]
For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126

242 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program procedure codes will change.

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

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

243 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, benefit criteria will change for bone anchored hearing aids/devices for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

244 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, hearing services benefit and policy language will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

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

245 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, benefit and policy language will change for cochlear implants for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Service Program.

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

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

246 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Dental Providers*******

Effective November 1, 2018, the Texas Health Steps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization Request Form will be revised.

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

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

247 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 2, 2018, changes were made to the Healthy Texas Women drug formulary list.

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

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

248 (10/19/18 through 11/09/18) ***Attention All Family Planning Program and Healthy Texas Women Providers*******

Effective November 1, 2018, procedure codes A4264 and 58565 will no longer be a benefit of the Family Planning Program and the Healthy Texas Women program.

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

249 (10/26//18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Hospitals will receive access to their fiscal year 2017 hospital-level Potentially Preventable Complications reports on November 30, 2018. The Potentially Preventable Readmissions hospital-level report was made available on June 1, 2018.

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

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

250 (10/26//18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of discharges on or after October 1, 2018, Texas Medicaid will use version 36 of the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups system to process inpatient claims.

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

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

251 (10/26/18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) providers intending to provide, or continue providing, HTW services must complete the certification process by December 31, 2018, for the 2019 program year.

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

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

252 (10/26/18 through 11/16/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to an article titled 'Update to "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2018 and October 1, 2018,"' which was published on the TMHP website September 24, 2018.

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

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

253 (10/26/18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The updated Interim Claims Snapshot is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

254 (10/23/18 through 11/04/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

The TMHP monthly system maintenance outage schedule has changed. TMHP will perform system maintenance on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, from 12 a.m. until 10 p.m. All web-based applications and functions are unavailable during a system maintenance outage.

Reminder: Check the system maintenance schedule frequently for updates.

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

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

255 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on Friday, October 26, 2018, is now available. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

256 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

257 (11/02/18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled 'Update to "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to become Effective September 1, 2018",' which was published on the TMHP website on July 11, 2018.

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

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

258 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa) procedure code C9028 will no longer be a benefit for services provided by nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant providers. [\[link\]](#)

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

259 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, the quantity limitation of medication for botulinum toxin type A procedure code J0586 will change 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. [\[link\]](#)

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.

260 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning Monday, December 17, 2018, providers will be able to submit Medicaid fee-for-service administrative appeals electronically through the TMHP Portal.

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

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

261 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning November 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Section 5.3.6, "THSteps Medical Checkups," to include additional reimbursement information about postpartum depression screenings.

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

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

262 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Nasal Endoscopy Procedure Code C9745 to Become a Benefit of the CSHCN Services Program July 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website June 30, 2018.

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

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

263 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning Monday, December 17, 2018, providers will be able to submit Medicaid fee-for-service administrative appeals electronically through the TMHP Portal.

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

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

264 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning November 1, 2018, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Section 5.3.6, "THSteps Medical Checkups," to include additional reimbursement information about postpartum depression screenings.

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

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

265 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on Friday, October 26, 2018, is now available. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

266 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

267 (11/02/18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled 'Update to "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to become Effective September 1, 2018",' which was published on the TMHP website on July 11, 2018.

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

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

268 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on Friday, October 26, 2018, is now available. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

269 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

270 (11/02/18 through 11/16/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled 'Update to "Proposed Reimbursement Rate Changes for Texas Medicaid to become Effective September 1, 2018",' which was published on the TMHP website on July 11, 2018.

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

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

271 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa) procedure code C9028 will no longer be a benefit for services provided by nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant providers. [[link](#)]

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

272 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, the quantity limitation of medication for botulinum toxin type A procedure code J0586 will change 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. [[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.

273 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

A recording of the Prior Authorization webinar conducted on September 19, 2018, and its associated question and answer document are now available online on the Learning Management System at learn.tmhp.com.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

274 (11/02/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Nasal Endoscopy Procedure Code C9745 to Become a Benefit of the CSHCN Services Program July 1, 2018," which was published on the TMHP website June 30, 2018.

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

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

275 (11/09/18 through 11/30/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met July 27, 2018, to recommend drugs to be included on the Medicaid preferred drug list. All recommendations from the meeting were accepted, and the approved decisions are now available. The January 2019 preferred drug list will include decisions from the July 27, 2018, and October 26, 2018, board meetings.

276 (11/09/18 through 11/30/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers Providers*******

The enrollment deadline has been extended to February 1, 2019, for Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) providers serving managed care members (managed care organizations [MCOs]) that are required to enroll through the Medicaid MCO LTSS provider enrollment process.

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

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

277 (11/09/18 through 11/30/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

An update to the October 2018 Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available.

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

278 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has delayed implementation for required taxonomy code of the rendering provider on professional claims submitted to managed care organizations. HHSC will provide additional information in the future regarding the deployment delay.

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

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

279 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted with procedure codes E1399, K0739, or A9900 by custom durable medical equipment providers with dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, when rendered in a home setting. Claims submitted by these providers may have been denied incorrectly. Affected claims will be reprocessed and providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

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

280 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa) procedure code C9028 will no longer be a benefit for services provided by advanced practice registered nurse (nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists) or physician assistant providers.

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

281 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18)***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, TMHP will implement reimbursement rates for some 2018 first quarter Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

282 (11/16/2018 through 12/07/2018) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Volume 2, Vision and Hearing Services Handbook, subsection 2.2.2.3, "Abnormal Hearing Screening Results" regarding requirements for Early Childhood Intervention will be updated with the December release.

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

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

283 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a reminder that the enrollment deadline has been extended to February 1, 2019, for Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) providers serving managed care members (managed care organization [MCO]) that are required to enroll through the Medicaid MCO LTSS provider enrollment process.

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

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

284 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

An updated Long Term Care computer-based training path and User Guide for TexMedConnect are now available.

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

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

285 (11/16/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, November 22, 2018, is Thanksgiving Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, November 26, 2018.

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.

286 (11/16/18 through 11/23/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, November 12, 2018, is a bank holiday in observance of Veterans Day. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, November 19, 2018.

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.

287 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "First Quarter 2018 HCPCS Updates for the CSHCN Services Program," which was published on the TMHP website March 30, 2018.

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

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

288 (11/16/18 through 12/07/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Requests for back-up ventilators may be submitted to TMHP for prior authorization.

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

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

289 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2019, Portability Permits will no longer be required for dental providers to receive enhanced reimbursement for dental anesthesia. After this date, dentists with a Level 4 certification and an Anesthesiology Residency will be eligible for the enhanced rate, and other applicable dental providers will continue to be reimbursed at non-enhanced rates. The portability permit was abolished by the Texas Legislature through Senate Bill 313 (SB313).

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

290 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2019, the static fee schedules will include a change indicator column to indicate whether any change, with the exception of the last pricing review date, has been made to the displayed criteria since the last static fee schedule was published.

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.

291 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting schedule and tentative preferred drug class review schedule for 2019 are now available.

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

292 (11/23/18 through 12/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from March 15, 2017, through September 08, 2018, 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. [[link](#)]

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

293 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, shingles vaccine procedure code 90750 will become a benefit for clients who are 50 years of age and older.

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

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

294 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2019, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, TMHP will apply the 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, changes, and deletions. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

The information will be available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on January 1, 2019. 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.

295 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, substance use disorder benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

296 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, peer specialist services will become a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

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

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

297 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, the interpretation and technical components of fetal testing procedure codes 59020 and 59025 will become benefits of Texas Medicaid for female clients who are 10 through 55 years old.

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

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

298 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, procedure code T4528 with modifier U1 will no longer be a benefit 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

299 (11/23/18 through 12/14/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2019, the prior authorization forms for substance use disorder services will be revised for Texas Medicaid to align with medical policy changes.

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

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

300 (11/30/18 through 12/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

An update to the Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization Assistance Chart is now available.

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

301 (11/30/18 through 12/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met October 26, 2018, to make recommendations for Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and the preferred drug list. A summary of this meeting is now available.

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

302 (11/30/18 through 12/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled 'Update to "Proposed Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective March 1, 2017 and April 1, 2017,"' which was published on the TMHP website March 21, 2017.

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

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

303 (11/30/18 through 12/21/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On November 1, 2018, TMHP updated the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, Section 8.1, "Enrollment" (for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists), and Section 10.1, "Enrollment" (for physician assistants [PAs]). The update states that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and PAs may be included as primary care providers in the provider network for the Medicaid and CHIP programs (both fee-for-service and managed care), regardless of whether the physician supervising the APRN is enrolled in Medicaid or in the provider network.

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

304 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning Monday, December 17, 2018, providers will be able to submit Medicaid fee-for-service administrative appeals electronically through the TMHP Portal.

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

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

305 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

306 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly Drug Labeler file is now available for clinician-administered drug processing. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

307 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, prior authorization criteria for benralizumab (procedure code C9466) will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

308 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective December 14, 2018, the Health and Human Services Commission will decommission the YourTexasBenefitsCard.com website and the Interactive Voice Response system at 7:00 p.m., Central Time. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

309 (12/14/18 through 01/04/18) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has published the provider enrollment application fee for calendar year 2019 in the Federal Register. Effective January 1, 2019, the application fee for institutional providers submitting new enrollment applications or re-enrollment applications for Texas Medicaid and the Medical Transportation Program will be \$586.

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

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

310 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Family Planning Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, Family Planning Program providers that received a claim reimbursement in error may now electronically deny the claim to trigger a recoupment.

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

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

311 (12/07/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Beginning Monday, December 17, 2018, providers will be able to submit Medicaid fee-for-service administrative appeals electronically through the TMHP Portal.

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

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

312 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Volume 2, Gynecological, Obstetrics, and Family Planning Title XIX Services Handbook, subsection 4.1.2, "Vaginal and Cesarean Deliveries." The language regarding the use of modifiers for the processing of delivery claims was revised and will be updated with the January 2019 release.

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

313 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook, subsection 2.2.11.4, "Blood Glucose Monitors." This subsection incorrectly lists the length of time the Continuous Glucose Monitoring device is worn. The language will be updated with the February 2019 release. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

314 (12/21/18 through 01/11/2019) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective December 11, 2018, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018, the following third quarter 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes will be updated.

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

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

315 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, Hospice chapter, 23.4 "Reimbursement."

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

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

316 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is a correction to the current Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Provider Manual, Expendable Medical Supplies chapter, section 18.2.2, "Wound Care Supplies."

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

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

317 (12/21/18 through 01/11/2019) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On January 23, 2019, TMHP will conduct a live webinar for therapy providers on writing functional goals for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

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

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

318 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP is revising the paper version of the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application by separating the application according to enrollment type. There will be separate applications for individual, performing, group, and facility providers with accompanying instructions. The revised versions will be available on the TMHP website beginning January 1, 2019.

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

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

319 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is updating the paper version of the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application. The service code will be removed in sections that contain information about Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Checks. In addition, state supported living centers will be added as a facility provider type option.

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

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

320 (12/21/18 through 12/28/18) ***Attention All Providers*******

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, is Christmas Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, December 31, 2018. 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.

321 (12/21/18 through 01/11/19) ***Attention All THSteps Providers*******

Beginning February 1, 2019, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Volume 2, Children's Services Handbook, subsection 5.3.6 "Texas Health Steps Medical Checkups," to remove the referral indicator requirement and replace it with the referral status for checkups.

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

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

322 (12/28/18 through 01/18/19) ***Attention All CSHCN Durable Medical Equipment Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2019, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program durable medical equipment providers must submit a modifier when submitting a claim for a standing frame or table with procedure code E0638.

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

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

323 (12/28/18 through 01/18/19) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled "Portability Permits No Longer Required for Dentists with Anesthesia or Sedation Permits Effective January 1, 2019," that was published on this website on November 16, 2018. The update is that TMHP will accept previous versions of the Texas Health Steps Dental Provider Enrollment application and the Required Information for Enrollment as a CSHCN Services Program Dental/Orthodontia Provider form through February 28, 2019.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

324 (12/28/18 through 01/18/19) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is a follow-up to the article titled, "Quantity Limitation to Change for Botulinum Toxin Type A Procedure Code J0586," which was published on the TMHP website October 26, 2018.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

325 (12/28/18 through 01/04/19) ***Attention All Providers*******

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, is New Year's Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, January 7, 2019.

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.

326 (12/28/18 through 1/18/18) ***Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on November 13, 2018, will be implemented with the exception of Ambulatory Surgical Center/Hospital Ambulatory Surgical Center.

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

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

327 (12/28/18 through 01/18/19) ***Attention All SHARS Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, procedure code 96101 will be replaced by procedure codes 96130 and 96131 for psychological assessments performed by School and Health Related Services providers.

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

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

328 (01/04/19 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, TMHP will apply the 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions and deletions to telemonitoring services 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. [[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.

329 (01/04/19 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On December 28, 2018, TMHP implemented updates to the Claim Status Inquiry and 835 Explanation of Benefits Crosswalk tables.

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. [[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.

330 (01/04/18 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

331 (01/28/18 through 01/18/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective January 28, 2019, the Health and Human Services Commission will decrease the daily morphine milligram equivalents limit (formerly the morphine equivalent dose) for clients enrolled in traditional Medicaid.

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

332 (1/04/19 through 1/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective February 15, 2019, a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Perinate tab will be added to all CHIP federally qualified health center (FQHC) wrap payment reports. The new tab contains CHIP Perinate encounter data. Additionally, the CHIP professional and CHIP dental tabs on the wrap payment report will no longer contain CHIP Perinate encounter information. In addition to the current wrap report PDF, providers and MCOS will also receive duplicate Excel™ versions.

For more inquires, providers can email to MCO_Encounter_Data_Team@hhsc.state.tx.us

333 (01/04/19 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2019, the first quarter 2019 National Correct Coding Initiative 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. [[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.

334 (01/04/19 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning January 1, 2019, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Section 4.2.23, "Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia." The information within this section will be moved and combined with section 4.2.30.2, "General Anesthesia for Dental Treatment."

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

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

335 (01/04/19 through 01/25/19) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, permanent tooth identification numbers (TIDs) 3, 14, 19, and 30 will be added to the current TID restrictions for procedure codes D1510 and D1520 for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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