
Banner Messages for the 09-12-11 and 09-16-11 R&S Reports

This file contains abbreviated messages meant to provide timely notifications that affect all provider groups (physicians, dentists, and so forth). Additional current and historic information affecting the Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program provider community may be found in the earlier postings of these files in the TMHP banner library at www.tmhp.com as well as in the bi-monthly editions of the *Texas Medicaid Bulletin* and the quarterly *CSHCN Services Program Provider Bulletin*, which update the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual* and *CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual*, respectively.

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1 (09/16/11 through 10/07/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2010, skin graft procedure codes 15200 and 15220 may be reimbursed to County Indigent Health Care Program and physician providers for services that are rendered in the office setting. Claims that were submitted for these services with dates of service from February 1, 2010, through August 29, 2011, may have been incorrectly denied payment by Texas Medicaid. When these claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status reports. [[link](#)]

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

2 (09/16/11 through 10/07/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Reductions Will Be Implemented for Some Texas Medicaid Provider Types," which was published on the TMHP website July 29, 2011. The reimbursement rate reductions were incorrect for outpatient office visit procedure code 99204 when services are provided by a tuberculosis clinic provider. The correct reimbursement rate reductions are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP contact center at 1-800-925-9126.

3 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2010, Medicare eliminated payment for consultation procedure codes. Claims submitted for consultation procedure codes for Medicaid Qualified Medicare Beneficiary clients may have been paid incorrectly. Affected claims with dates of service January 1, 2010, through July 18, 2011, will be reprocessed.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

4 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 28, 2011, the online Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form and the online CCP Prior Authorization Request Form, which are available through the online prior authorization portion of the TMHP secure provider portal, will be updated to incorporate the required prior authorization criteria for external insulin pump rentals and tubeless external insulin pump rentals.

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 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled, "Update to Substance Use Disorder Services (Abuse and Dependence) Comprehensive Assessment for Residential Detoxification," which was published on this website on August 12, 2011.

The article stated that a statement was being revised for clarity and replaced. The statement was not replaced; it was expanded for clarity.

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

6 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, reimbursement rates will change for some procedure codes including: durable medical equipment [[link](#)], radiation oncology [[link](#)], physician-administered drugs and biologicals [[link](#)], nuclear medicine [[link](#)], and medical services [[link](#)].

Details are available in separate website articles on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

7 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for some procedure codes, including durable medical equipment [[link](#)], vagal nerve stimulator [[link](#)], Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) therapy services that are rendered in a home setting [[link](#)], and diabetic equipment and supplies [[link](#)].

Details are available in separate website articles on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

8 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Reductions Will Be Implemented for Some Texas Medicaid Provider Types," which published on the TMHP website on July 29, 2011. 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.

9 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Effective September 1, 2011, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the reimbursement rate for Indian Health Services increased to \$294.00. When affected claims with dates of service from January 1, 2011, through August 30, 2011, are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status Reports.

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

10 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, some procedure codes will no longer be 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.

11 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, Texas Medicaid will implement initial reimbursement rates for 2011 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes C9270, C9272, C9280, C9281, Q2041, Q2042, and Q2044.

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 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to the article titled "Rate Reductions to Be Implemented for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Procedure Codes Effective September 1, 2011," which was published on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on July 29, 2011.

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.

13 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Procedure Code H2014 to Be a Benefit; Reimbursement Rates to Change for Targeted Case Management and Rehabilitative Services Effective September 1, 2011," which was published on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on August 4, 2011. The article included an incorrect reimbursement rate for procedure code G0177 for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011. The correct reimbursement rate for procedure code G0177 is \$24.32 for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011.

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

14 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Updates to the Addendum to Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form Effective July 1, 2011," which was published on August 19, 2011, on the TMHP website. The article incorrectly indicated that the Addendum to Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form was updated to include the wheeled mobility qualified rehabilitation professional (QRP) information. The correct information is that the line item numbers for the form were updated to coincide with changes that were made to the Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form. The QRP information was added to the order form but not to the addendum.

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.

15 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of admission on or after September 1, 2011, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has updated the relative weights, mean lengths of stay, and day outlier thresholds for Grouper 28.

Complete updated Grouper 28 information can be found on the EDI Technical Information Acute Care Reference Codes pages of the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

16 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a clarification to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Reductions Will Be Implemented for Some Texas Medicaid Provider Types," which was published on the TMHP website on July 29, 2011. The article indicated rate changes for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) therapy procedure codes for clients who are 20 years of age or younger. The clarification is that ECI services are a benefit for clients who are 3 years of age and younger, and will not be reimbursed for clients who are 4 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.

17 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Updates to Some Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Forms," which was published on July 15, 2011, on the TMHP website. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2011, the Addendum to Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form has been 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.

18 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a clarification to the 2011 *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Gynecological and Reproductive Health, Obstetrics, and Family Planning Services Handbook* concerning medical services procedure code J7307. This clarification affects subsections 2.3.2.1, "FQHC Reimbursement for Other

Family Planning Office or Outpatient Visits," subsection 2.3.5.3, "Contraceptive Capsules," and subsection 3.3.2.1, "FQHC Reimbursement for Other Family Planning Office or Outpatient Visits."

Procedure code J7307 may be reimbursed once every three rolling years to providers who render Title XIX family planning services, including nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, physician (D.O. and M.D.), physician group (D.O. only, M.D. only, and multispecialty clinic), certified nurse midwife, federally qualified health center (FQHC), rural health clinic, and family planning clinic 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.

19 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Reduction in Outlier Calculations for Inpatient Hospital Admissions Effective September 1, 2011," which was published July 22, 2011, on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

Effective for dates of admission on or after September 1, 2011, the percentage amount and universal mean used in outlier calculations for inpatient hospital admissions for Medicaid services will change. The new percentage amount will be 60 percent and the universal mean will be \$5,888.63.

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

20 (8/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Benefit Criteria to Change for Electrocardiograms (ECG) for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website on July 8, 2011. The article did not state that the Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form will be revised to add a new checkbox for "ECG" to the "Type of Request" field.

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.

21 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, the hospital beds and equipment benefit will change for Texas Medicaid home health services and the Comprehensive Care 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.

22 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of admission on or after September 1, 2011, the reimbursement for inpatient hospital providers will change. Proposed new rules for hospital Medicaid reimbursements were published in the Texas Register on July 8, 2011, and will be adopted effective September 1, 2011.

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.

23 (8/26/11 through 9/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Reminder: Certain providers must use the appropriate revenue code on the CMS-1450 UB-04 paper claim form or its electronic equivalent when they submit claims for outpatient hospital 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.

24 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CHIP Providers*******

Texas is preparing for its next Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review, which will cover all Texas Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services paid during federal fiscal year 2011, October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011. The PERM contractors will review Texas Medicaid and CHIP claims for programs that are administered by the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of State Health Services, and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative 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 or visit the CMS PERM Provider website located at www.cms.gov/PERM/.

25 (09/16/11 through 10/07/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective September 8, 2011, TMHP has updated the taxonomy codes that are associated with optician and optometrist providers for the National Provider Identifier attestation process on the TMHP website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

26 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a clarification of articles on the TMHP website titled "Procedure Codes Required on Outpatient Hospitals Claims Effective September 1, 2011," which was published on July 18, 2011, and "Reminder: Revenue Codes Must Be Billed for Outpatient Hospital Services," which was published on August 16, 2011. The clarification applies to claims for Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, Primary Care Case Management, 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.

27 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Outpatient Imaging Reimbursement to Change Effective September 1, 2011," which was published on the TMHP website on July 22, 2011. Some procedure codes that are not benefits were listed as being payable at a flat fee.

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 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers

TMHP has identified an issue with claims submitted by providers who hold a Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments certification type four. Some of these claims with laboratory procedure codes may have been denied in error. Providers will be notified when the issue is resolved, and are encouraged to continue to submit claims within the claims filing deadline while this issue is being researched.

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.

29 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers

Reminder: If services that are billed on a claim have benefit limitations, the date of service determines which provider's claims are paid, denied, or recouped. Claims that were submitted and paid may be denied and recouped later if a new related claim with an earlier date of service is submitted. Services that were authorized for an exemption to the benefit limitations will not be recouped. Providers can submit an appeal with medical documentation for claims that are denied and recouped.

Effective September 1, 2011, this rule also applies to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)/Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) editing.

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.

30 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Clarification to 'Immunization Administration Procedure Code Changes,'" which was published on May 20, 2011, on the TMHP website. The article included incorrect client age ranges for immunization administration procedure codes when counseling is provided.

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.

31 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, the diabetic equipment and supplies benefit 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.

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.

32 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Dental Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, prior authorization requirements will change for comprehensive orthodontic services and crossbite 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.

33 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All Dental Providers*******

The license information from the Texas Board of Dental Examiners is not available. Therefore, all dental providers whose license expired on or after June 1, 2011, are required to send TMHP a letter from the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners to verify current licensure for the State of Texas.

Details and specific instructions for compliance 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.

34 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective September 2011, the paper Medicaid ID card has been discontinued and been replaced by the new, plastic Your Texas Benefits Medicaid card. The new Medicaid card has the client's Medicaid ID number printed on the front of the card and embedded in a magnetic strip on the back of the card. The magnetic strip is accessible with a basic, swipe-style card reader.

Details on how to verify client eligibility are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

For more information about the new Your Texas Benefits Medicaid card or the new Medicaid eligibility verification website, call 1-855-827-3747.

35 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance to the Claims Engine and Long Term Care (LTC) systems on Sunday, October 9, 2011, from 4 p.m. until midnight. During the system maintenance window, some applications will be unavailable for both Acute Care and LTC systems. Batch claims and batch claims status inquiries may be submitted during the maintenance period.

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

36 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective for dates of service or dates of discharge (services) on or after October 1, 2013, Medicaid fee-for-service, Medicaid managed care, Primary Care Case Management, family planning (Titles V, X, and XX), the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, and the Long Term Care program will transition medical diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding from International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) to ICD-10 code sets. The transition to ICD-10 code sets will require business and system changes throughout the health-care industry. All providers who are covered by HIPAA must make the transition by the compliance date of October 1, 2013.

Additional information is 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.

37 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

Electronic data interchange (EDI) version 5010 was implemented during scheduled system maintenance that took place June 24, 2011. As a result of this implementation, the previously announced dual strategy for EDI submissions is now in effect.

The implementation of EDI version 5010 also resulted in several other changes, including changes that affect TexMedConnect users.

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

All questions and support requests should be sent to EDI5010Support@tmhp.com.

38 (08/26/11 through 09/16/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

Over the past year, TMHP has improved the training methods for the provider community through the use of computer-based training (CBT) modules on the TMHP website. To understand provider satisfaction with the CBT modules, TMHP is requesting feedback from 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.

39 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) providers in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of H.B. 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

Providers that will be affected include comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, outpatient rehabilitation facilities, licensed dietitians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists, and pharmacies. 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.

40 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

Effective September 1, 2011, benefit criteria for cytogenetic testing 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.

41 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The September 2011 version of the *Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual* is now 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.

42 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rates will change for some durable medical equipment procedure codes. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

43 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of services on or after October 1, 2011, the reimbursement rates for pathology and laboratory services procedure codes 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.

44 (09/09/11 through 09/30/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, the reimbursement rates for the some medical and surgery services procedure codes will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Reimbursement rates for the professional and technical components of these procedure codes will also 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.

45 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program ambulatory surgical center, nephrology (hemodialysis, renal dialysis), and renal dialysis facility providers. This is in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of H.B. 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

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.

46 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions and other changes will be implemented for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program durable medical equipment procedure codes in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of H.B.1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

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.

47 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2011, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program will implement the reimbursement reduction for outpatient hospital services that has been adopted by Texas Medicaid in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of H.B. 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

Reimbursement for outpatient services rendered by hospital providers to CSHCN Services Program clients will be reduced by a total of 10 percent. The reimbursement rate reduction includes the current 2-percent reduction and an additional 8-percent reduction that will be effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011.

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

48 (09/02/11 through 09/27/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program provider types and services. Providers can refer to the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com for provider types and services that are affected by the rate reductions. All other CSHCN Services program provider types and

services not indicated in previous articles will continue to receive the two-percent rate reduction that was effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2011.

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

49 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program is reviewing the CSHCN Services Program rules. The review will focus primarily on sections that require correction or clarification; however, all sections will be reviewed as mandated by Texas Government Code §2001.039.

The CSHCN Services Program is soliciting stakeholder comments and recommendations for this review. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

50 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program pathology and laboratory services in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of House Bill 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

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.

51 (09/02/11 through 09/23/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Service Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, retroactive prior authorizations will be considered under certain circumstances for clients who are eligible 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.