

Reminder to Physician Assistant Providers About Performance of Elective Abortion

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Since September 1, 2005, section 32.048(h), Human Resources Code, has prohibited the payment of Women's Health Program (WHP) funds to providers that perform elective abortions. As with other types of Medicaid providers who have been required to comply with this provision through annual attestation since 2009, physician assistant providers that provide services to WHP clients must now notify the TMHP Provider Enrollment department annually in writing whether they perform elective abortions.

Physician assistant providers who do not have an approved WHP certification that attests that they do not perform elective abortions on record with TMHP by March 1, 2012, will have claims for WHP services denied. Claims for other Medicaid clients are not impacted.

To complete the certification process, physician assistant providers must use the Provider Information Management System (PIMS) function through the secure provider portal, which is available from this website. Providers must also mail a completed copy of the WHP Provider Certification form that includes an original, handwritten signature that prints at the end of the Provider Information Management System (PIMS) WHP provider certification section.

HHSC may recoup WHP funds that it determines were paid to providers who have performed elective abortions. Billing providers who are placed on a payment hold should continue to file Medicaid claims to ensure they meet all claim filing deadlines.

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