
Banner Messages for the 10-10-11 and 10-14-11 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 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rates to Change for Physician-Administered Drugs and Biological Procedure Codes," which was published on the TMHP website on September 1, 2011.

Procedure code G0918 is incorrectly included in the table of procedure codes whose reimbursement rates will change effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011. The correct procedure code is G9018.

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

2 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, various percentage reductions were applied to durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) procedure codes. A clarification that explains how providers can calculate the reimbursement amount after reductions for DMEPOS claims with multiple units is available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [\[link\]](#)

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

3 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Claims for Early Childhood Intervention Services to Be Submitted to TMHP Effective October 1, 2011," which was published June 17, 2011, 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.

4 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts Medicare crossover claims coinsurance and deductible reimbursement for services that are rendered to Medicaid dual-eligible clients. Medicare-adjusted crossover claims that were previously paid by Texas Medicaid with a paid date of July 22, 2011, may have been denied and recouped in error. When these claims are 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.

5 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction and clarification to an article titled "Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid Otolaryngology and Audiology Services Effective July 1, 2011," which was published on May 13, 2011, 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.

6 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The 2011 Clinical Decision Support Tool for Advanced Imaging Guide can now be accessed from Radiology Prior Authorization Services page of the Topics section 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.

7 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled, "Additional Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Services to Be a Benefit of Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website on November 12, 2010, and also appeared in the March/April 2011 Texas Medicaid Bulletin, No. 234. The article incorrectly indicated that detoxification services for cocaine addiction are not a benefit of Texas Medicaid. Detoxification services for cocaine addiction are a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

The correct statement is as follows: Detoxification services for hashish or marijuana addiction are not benefits of Texas Medicaid.

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

8 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to the article titled "Clarification to Reimbursement Rate Reductions Will Be Implemented for Some Texas Medicaid Provider Types," which was published on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on August 19, 2011. The article incorrectly stated that Texas Medicaid reimburses Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) therapy services only for clients who are 3 years of age and younger. The

article should have stated that Texas Medicaid reimburses ECI therapy services only for clients from birth through 35 months of age.

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

9 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts claims that were submitted between July 1, 2010, and September 8, 2011, with diagnostic Doppler procedure codes. Some claims may have been paid incorrectly by Texas Medicaid and will be reprocessed. 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 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Reminder: Directly observed therapy and subsequent nursing services are benefits of Texas Medicaid for tuberculosis clinic providers.

Details about these benefits 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 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

HHSC has identified an issue that impacts reimbursement for claims submitted by ambulatory surgical center or hospital-based ambulatory surgical center 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.

12 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid Palivizumab (Synagis) Prior Authorization Request Form has been revised to update date-of-birth guidelines for determining the client's age criteria at the start of the 2011-2012 respiratory syncytial virus season.

Effective immediately, providers must use the revised form to request prior authorization for palivizumab. TMHP will not process requests that are received on the old form and will notify the provider to resubmit the request on the revised form. The revised form is available in the Forms section of the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [\[link\]](#)

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

13 (09/30/2011 through 10/21/2011) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Some Procedure Codes No Longer a Benefit Effective October 1, 2011," which was published on the TMHP website on August 31, 2011. Procedure codes Q0111, Q0112, Q0113, Q0115, and P2038 will no longer be a benefit of Texas Medicaid effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011.

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

14 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2011, some changes will be made to the functionality of Online Fee Lookup, which is available through the TMHP website and secure provider 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.

15 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will change from 60.56 percent to 58.22 percent. FMAP is the federal government's contribution to states for Medicaid expenditures and is used for Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care. 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 reduced to match the change in the FMAP.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will change from 72.39 percent to 70.75 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

16 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2010, the gender restriction for Supprelin implant (procedure code J9226) was removed, and the service is a benefit for both male and female clients. Some claims may have been incorrectly denied by Texas Medicaid.

Affected claims with dates of service from July 1, 2010, through September 20, 2011, will be reprocessed, and 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.

17 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue with claims for laboratory services that were submitted by nurse practitioner, certified nurse specialist, physician assistant, and certified nurse midwife providers. Claims with dates of service from January 1, 2011, through August 31, 2011, may have been denied in error and will be reprocessed.

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 (9/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective August 1, 2011, some National Drug Codes were added retroactively as valid to submit with Texas Medicaid claims for medical services procedure codes A9152 and A9153.

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 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts Medicare crossover claims coinsurance and deductible payments. Some claims that are electronically transmitted from Medicare to Medicaid may contain incorrect or invalid Medicare payment information, which causes the Medicaid claim to process incorrectly. Claims that cross over with incorrect or invalid Medicare information may be appealed to TMHP with the appropriate documentation.

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 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts claims that were submitted for oxygen probe procedure code A4606. Claims that were submitted with dates of service from September 15, 2009, through September 15, 2011, may have been paid incorrectly by Texas Medicaid. When these claims are reprocessed, any payments that were made in error may be deducted from future payments (i.e., recouped). Deductions will be reflected on Remittance and Status reports.

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

21 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning March 1, 2012, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will be implementing changes to the delivery of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program 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.

22 (9/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The rate changes for independent providers of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services that were proposed at an August 16, 2011, rate hearing will not be implemented for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011.

A future notification will be published when an implementation date has been set for the rate changes to become effective.

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

23 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The third quarter 2011 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, changes, and deletions, which implemented on October 1, 2011, are now available. Details of these changes 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.

24 (09/30/11 through 10/21/11) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has updated laboratory procedure codes to comply with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) guidelines and to align with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). As a result, some claims will be reprocessed.

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

25 (9/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is a clarification to an article titled "Reimbursement for Non-emergent and Non-urgent E/M Emergency Department Services to Be Reduced," which was published on the TMHP website on July 18, 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.

26 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Medicaid Dental Providers*******

In order to reduce the number of dental and orthodontic prior authorization requests that are denied as incomplete, TMHP has published two reminders on the TMHP website. One reminder lists the required fields that must be completed on the THSteps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization form. [\[link\]](#) The other reminder lists all of the documentation that is required to support prior authorization requests for orthodontic services. [\[link\]](#)

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

For more information, call the TMHP THSteps Dental Inquiries department at 1-800-568-2460.

27 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

On October 1, 2011, TMHP will implement the annual 2012 International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) additions, changes, and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011. Details of these changes 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 (10/07/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, October 10, 2011, is Columbus Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, October 14, 2011. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

[\[link\]](#)

29 (9/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All Providers*******

This is a clarification to an article titled "Information for Non-emergent and Non-urgent Physician E/M Emergency Department Services," which was published on July 18, 2011, 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.

30 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention All THSteps Dental Providers*******

Reminder: Cone beam imaging (procedure codes D0360, D0362, and D0363) requires prior authorization.

To obtain prior authorization, a THSteps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization Request Form must be submitted with documentation that supports medical necessity and appropriateness. Required documentation includes, but is not limited to, presenting conditions, medical necessity, and status of the client's treatment.

Procedure codes D0360, D0362, and D0363 are limited to clients who are birth through 20 years of age, with a combined maximum of three services per year, any provider. Additional services may be considered with documentation of medical necessity.

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

31 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention All THSteps Medical Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rates for Vagal Nerve Stimulator Procedure Codes to Change Effective October 1, 2011," which was published on August 31, 2011, 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.

32 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Dental Providers*******

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

33 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will implement initial reimbursement rates for 2011 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes C9270 and C9272, which will become a benefit effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 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.

34 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled "Information for Non-emergent and Non-urgent Physician E/M Emergency Department Services," which was published on the TMHP website on July 18, 2011.

The article did not state that it updated the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual, section 30.4.1, "Physician Services in Outpatient Hospital Setting," on page 30-170.

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

35 (10/14/11 through 11/04/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, various percentage reductions were applied to Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies procedure codes. A clarification that explains how providers can calculate the reimbursement amount after reductions for these claims with multiple units is 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 (10/07/11 through 10/28/11) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On October 1, 2011, TMHP will implement the annual 2012 International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) additions, changes, and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2011. Details of these changes 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.

37 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of services on or after November 1, 2011, the reimbursement rates for some pathology services, clinical and nonclinical laboratory services, and vaccine and toxoid 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.

38 (09/23/11 through 10/14/11) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of services on or after November 1, 2011, the reimbursement rates for some vaccines, toxoids, and physician-administered drugs and biologicals 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.