

Women's Health Program (WHP) Extended; Providers Can Still File Claims, Enroll, and Certify; New WHP Providers Needed

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) has extended the Medicaid Women's Health Program (WHP) through March 31, 2012. Providers that are certified to participate in WHP as of January 1, 2012, can continue to submit claims for services provided through the program.

Medicaid-enrolled providers that want to participate in WHP are encouraged to do so. Providers that deliver family planning services, have completed the Medicaid enrollment process through the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP), and do not perform elective abortions are eligible to enroll and certify as WHP Providers. The following provider types may bill family planning services under WHP:

- Physician (M.D., D.O.)
- Physician assistant
- Nurse practitioner
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Certified nurse midwife
- Federally qualified health center (FQHC)
- Family planning agency
- Freestanding ambulatory surgical center (for some sterilization procedures)
- Hospital-based ambulatory surgical center (for some sterilization procedures)
- Laboratory

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) continues to work with CMS to continue WHP beyond the current March 31, 2012, expiration. Updates will be posted on this website as they become available.

More information about the WHP provider enrollment and certification process is available on this website. Providers can also visit HHSC's website for additional information about WHP: www.hhsc.state.tx.us/womenshealth.htm.

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