Intravenous Therapy, Supplies, and Equipment for Blood Products to be a Benefit of Texas Medicaid

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Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2013, benefit criteria will change for intravenous (IV) therapy equipment and supplies for Texas Medicaid.

IV Therapy, Supplies, and Equipment for Blood Products to Be Covered

IV therapy, supplies, and equipment for blood products will no longer be considered a non-covered service.

IV Therapy, Supplies, and Equipment That Will Not Be Covered

The list of non-covered services for IV therapy, supplies, and equipment will be updated to remove blood products. IV therapy, supplies, and equipment will not be considered a benefit when the infusion or medications being administered:

- Is not considered medically necessary to the treatment of the client’s illness.
- Exceeds the frequency or duration ordered by the physician.
- Is a chemotherapeutic agent.
- Is not FDA-approved, unless the physician documents why the off-label use is medically appropriate and not likely to result in an adverse reaction. In order to consider coverage of an off-label (non-FDA approved) use of a drug, documentation must include why a drug usually indicated for the specific diagnosis or condition has not been effective for the client.

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