

Update to Moratorium Information for Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers

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This is an update to the article titled, '[Correction to "Temporary Enrollment Moratorium Imposed on Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers in Certain Counties of Texas": Moratorium Date Changed to January 30, 2014](#),' which was published on this website on February 4, 2014.

Effective July 29, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the moratorium on the enrollment of new home health agency providers and new ground ambulance providers in some state counties to prevent waste, abuse, and fraud. A notice of this temporary moratorium is posted on the Federal Register website at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-01/pdf/2014-18174.pdf.

Per CMS direction, and in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 455.470(a)(2), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has extended the temporary moratorium, effective July 29, 2014, on Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program enrollment of home health agency providers and ground ambulance providers with a base of operations in the designated Texas counties.

Ground Ambulance Providers

Beginning July 29, 2014, CMS has extended the temporary enrollment moratorium for ground ambulance providers. The moratorium has been extended for an additional six months. No new ground ambulance providers will be enrolled in Texas Medicaid or the CSHCN Services Program with a practice located in one of the following counties:

- Brazoria
- Chambers
- Fort Bend
- Galveston
- Harris
- Liberty
- Montgomery
- Waller

Providers will be notified if their application has been denied because of the moratorium.

Note: *The moratorium does not apply to air ambulance providers. Air ambulance providers with a base in the affected counties can continue to request enrollment in Texas Medicaid and the CSHCN Services Program.*

Providers can refer to the article titled "[Temporary Enrollment Moratorium Imposed on Ground Ambulance Providers in Certain Counties of Texas](#)," which was published on this website on August 8, 2013.

Home Health Agency Providers

Beginning July 29, 2014, CMS has extended the temporary enrollment moratorium for home health agency providers. The moratorium has been extended for an additional six months. No new home health agency providers will be enrolled in Texas Medicaid or the CSHCN Services Program with a practice located in one of the following counties:

- Brazoria
- Chambers
- Collin
- Dallas
- Denton
- Ellis
- Fort Bend
- Galveston
- Harris
- Kaufman
- Liberty
- Montgomery
- Rockwall
- Tarrant
- Waller

Providers will be notified if their application has been denied because of the moratorium.

Providers can refer to the article titled "[Temporary Enrollment Moratorium Imposed on Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers in Certain Counties of Texas](#)," which was published on this website on January 31, 2014.

Licensed and Certified Home Health Agency Providers and Licensed Home Health Agencies Providers

The temporary enrollment moratorium is lifted for licensed and certified home health agency providers and licensed home health agency providers located in counties that were originally affected by the moratorium, and that only provide services to clients who are 20 years of age and younger through the Comprehensive Care Program (CCP). These providers can now enroll in Texas Medicaid or the CSHCN Services Program.

To enroll, these providers must submit a paper Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application for enrollment in Texas Medicaid or a paper CSHCN Services Program Enrollment Application for enrollment in the CSHCN Services Program.

Providers can refer to the article titled '[Update to "Temporary Moratorium Imposed on Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers in Certain Counties of Texas"](#),' which was published on this website on June 23, 2014.

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.