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## Banner Messages for the 03-23-15 and 03-27-15 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](http://www.tmhp.com).

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### 1 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

There is an update to the article titled "Statewide Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Initiative: Update to EVV Vendor Selections," which was published on the TMHP website on March 6, 2015.

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

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### 2 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

The Texas Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee's recommendations for the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL), which were made at the committee's quarterly meeting on January 30, 2015, are now available at [TxVendorDrug.com/pdl/ptcom-documents.shtml](http://TxVendorDrug.com/pdl/ptcom-documents.shtml).

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

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

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**3 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program will add Vivitrol to the Texas Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) formularies beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee recommended Vivitrol as a non-preferred item at their November 21, 2014 meeting.

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

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**4 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a follow up to an article titled "Initial Reimbursement Rates and Reimbursement Rates Change for Some Procedure Codes to Be Effective January 1, 2015, for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website on December 2, 2014. The Medical and Surgical Supplies procedure codes may have received an incorrect percentage reduction.

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

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

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**5 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Durable medical equipment (DME) providers without a current surety bond on file with TMHP will be deactivated on June 1, 2015.

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

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

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**6 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with some claims that were processed from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) were not applied during the claims processing for certain procedure codes. The claims had details that were billed for more units than the NCCI MUE allowed.

When the affected claims are reprocessed, providers who were overpaid may have overpayments deducted from future payments (i.e., recouped). Adjustments will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

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

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

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**7 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of services on or after May 1, 2015, prior authorization criteria for stereotactic radiation therapy services will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

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**8 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide has been updated. The updated document is available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**9 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2015, benefit criteria for *Helicobacter pylori* testing will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

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**10 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) coding changes as directed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. TMHP has created a new web page that providers can refer to for additional Texas Medicaid benefit updates related to the ICD-10 implementation. The following items for Texas Medicaid were published on the new web page on March 13, 2015: Update to Sleep Studies and an update to Therapeutic Apheresis.

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

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

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**11 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On February 27, 2015, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced it is delaying implementation of electronic visit verification (EVV). Providers will be notified no less than 30 days before they are required to begin using EVV.

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

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**12 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces that Sandata Technologies, LLC, has withdrawn participation from the HHSC Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) initiative, effective February 27, 2015. This reduces the pool of HHSC-approved EVV vendors from four to three. The three remaining vendors are Care Monitoring 2000, DataLogic (Vesta), and MEDsys.

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

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**13 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has amended 1 TAC §354.1005, "Unauthorized Charges," to clarify that a Medicaid provider may not charge a Medicaid recipient for functions incidental to the provision of a covered service. This includes the completion of a health assessment form or a copy of a medical record, unless otherwise provided in the rule. These rule changes will be effective March 8, 2015, and will be reflected in the March 2015 release of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.

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

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

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**14 (03/13/15 through 04/03/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As a reminder, Texas Medicaid must comply with federal regulations which require all providers to revalidate their enrollment information every three to five years. In accordance with this mandate, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that states complete the initial re-enrollment of all providers by March 24, 2016. For Texas Medicaid, any provider enrolled before January 1, 2013, must re-enroll by March 24, 2016. Providers can begin this process immediately. Providers are encouraged to contact a TMHP provider enrollment representative for guidance on the re-enrollment process.

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

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

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**15 (03/06/15 through 03/27/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, April 12, 2015, from 4 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

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**16 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning May 1, 2015, TMHP will begin editing professional and institutional claims for National Drug Code (NDC) information contained in the NDC loop 2410 for electronic claim submissions. In addition, paper claim submissions must include valid NDC information. The National Drug Unit and the National Drug Unit of Measure fields must contain valid values.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**17 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Service Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, some medical, radiology, radiation therapy, professional component and technical component discontinued procedure codes have been replaced.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**18 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits for some psychotherapy procedure codes on October 1, 2014, and has recently announced a change to those edits.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**19 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 1, 2015, some revenue codes will be updated. Revenue codes must be submitted on the UB-04 CMS-1450 institutional paper claim form or electronic equivalent in accordance with the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) standards for all inpatient and outpatient institutional claims.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**20 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 25, 2015, changes will be made to ensure all valid type of bill (TOB) values will be accepted. TOB values must be submitted on the UB-04 CMS-1450 claim form or electronic equivalent in accordance with the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**21 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "Beginning January 1, 2015, Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC) Providers May Submit Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Enrollment Applications," which was published on the TMHP website on November 14, 2014.

The update is as follows: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) plans to delay the benefit implementation until September 1, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

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**22 (03/13/15 through 04/03/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 23, 2015, the Online Provider Lookup (OPL) will feature an enhancement that will display the Group Name in the search results when a search is performed for a provider who is a member of a group. This enhancement should allow for more efficient identification of providers by displaying the group name associated with a provider.

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.

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**23 (03/13/15 through 04/03/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) coding changes as directed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. TMHP has created a new web page that providers can refer to for additional Texas Medicaid benefit updates related to the ICD-10 implementation. The following item for the CSHCN Services Program was published on the new web page on March 6, 2015: Ambulance Services

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

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

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**24 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2015, all hospital admissions for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will require prior authorization.

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

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

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**25 (03/17/15 through 04/27/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue which impacts some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program medical and surgical supplies procedure codes that received an incorrect percentage reduction. The affected codes received a two percent reduction instead of an eight percent reduction.

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

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

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**26 (03/27/15 through 04/17/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP has identified an issue with some claims processed between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014. National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) were not applied when the claims were originally processed for certain procedure codes. The claims had details that were billed for more units than the NCCI MUE allowed.

All affected claims will be reprocessed. Providers who received overpayments may have them deducted from future payments (i.e., recouped). Adjustments will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.

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**27 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2015, prior authorization and reimbursement criteria will change for replacement batteries and/or replacement battery chargers for wheelchairs for The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

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**28 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2015, benefit criteria for Helicobacter pylori testing will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

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**29 (03/20/14 through 04/10/14) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2015, rhytidectomy procedure code 15828 is a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program with a prior authorization.

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

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

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**30 (03/20/15 through 04/10/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) coding changes as directed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. TMHP has created a new webpage that providers can refer to for additional Texas Medicaid benefit updates related to the ICD-10 implementation. The following item for the CSHCN Services Program was published on the new web page on March 13, 2015: Update to Therapeutic Apheresis.

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

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

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**31 (03/06/15 through 03/27/15) \*\*\*\*\*Attention CSHCN Service Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2015, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes will change.

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

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