

HHSC DELAYING EVV IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is delaying the planned June 1, 2015 implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for private duty nursing (PDN) services until late 2015. HHSC will provide sufficient advance notice to allow providers and vendors sufficient time for EVV system set-up and training when the new EVV implementation date for PDN services is announced.

EVV Implementation Schedule

Provider agencies that did not implement EVV on one of the following EVV implementation dates must implement EVV no later than June 1, 2015 for all other services (except PDN services), as outlined below under "Covered Services":

- April 16, 2015
- May 1, 2015
- May 16, 2015
- June 1, 2015

Action	DATE
Rolling Implementation Dates EVV implementation dates for provider agencies that either selected an EVV vendor or were defaulted to an EVV vendor by HHSC and are operationally ready to actively begin using EVV.	April 16, 2015
	May 1, 2015
	May 16, 2015
	June 1, 2015
Final EVV Implementation Date (Mandatory) All Medicaid-enrolled agencies providing covered services in the home and in the community are required to begin using an HHSC-approved EVV system to record on-site visitation with the individual or health plan member.	June 1, 2015
Grace Period A timeframe that allows provider agencies to refine their operational processes after implementing an HHSC-approved EVV system. Provider agencies may use paper timesheets only as backup supporting documentation, and may not use paper timesheets in lieu of the EVV system.	April 16 - August 31, 2015

REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATES

<p>Grace Period End Date The optional use of paper timesheets as backup to the EVV system ends at midnight:</p>	<p>August 31, 2015</p>
<p>Provider Compliance Plan Effective Date Provider agencies must be in full compliance (not using paper timesheets) with EVV requirements. Provider agencies use data recorded in their EVV system to submit claims. Provider agencies are subject to contract actions for failure to meet provider compliance plan requirements:</p>	<p>September 1, 2015</p>

COVERED SERVICES

The HHSC EVV initiative affects Medicaid STAR+PLUS, STAR Health, acute care fee-for-service, and DADS service providers that seek reimbursement from Texas Medicaid for services provided in the home and in the community. All agencies providing reimbursable services subject to EVV to an individual or health plan member must use an HHSC-approved EVV system to record visit arrival and departure times. The provider agency will request payment using only the time recorded in the EVV system to determine billable units/hours.

The following services are subject to EVV requirements (**Update:** PDN services have been removed from the list of services for managed care and HHSC acute care fee-for-service):

Services	Description
Managed Care	Personal assistance services (PAS), personal care services (PCS), in-home respite services, and Community First Choice (CFC) services (basic attendant and habilitation) provided in the home and in the community in the managed care STAR+PLUS and STAR Health programs
HHSC acute care fee-for-service	PCS services provided in the home and in the community
DADS fee-for-service	Attendant-like services provided in the home and in the community for the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Attendant Services (CAS) • Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Habilitation services to transition to CFC on June 1, 2015 ○ In-Home Respite

REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATES

Services	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Care (FC) • Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In-home respite and flexible family support • Primary Home Care (PHC)
Consumer Directed Services	EVV is optional for individuals who have selected the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option.

TRAINING INFORMATION

HHSC will host additional face-to-face provider training sessions this summer. EVV vendors will continue to conduct face-to-face training for providers as needed, and vendor training materials can be found online at EVV vendor websites.

Provider agencies should monitor MCO, TMHP, HHSC and DADS websites for additional information regarding EVV implementation and training opportunities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Provider agencies are encouraged to sign-up for email updates at: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>

Questions about EVV implementation or the Medicaid Electronic Visit Verification Provider System Selection Form may be directed to:

Program	Email
Managed Care	Managed_Care_Initiatives@hhsc.state.tx.us
DADS fee-for-service programs	CPC@dads.state.tx.us
TMHP (acute care fee-for-service programs)	1-800-925-9126, Option 5