Temporary Enrollment Moratorium for Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers Extended

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Effective January 29, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) extended the moratorium on the enrollment of new home health agency providers and new ground ambulance providers in designated counties. The moratorium is meant to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

A notice of this temporary moratorium titled “Federal Register | Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Extended Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations” is currently posted on the Federal Register website.

Per CMS direction, and in accordance with Section 6401 (a) of the Affordable Care Act in the new section 1866(j) (7) that was added to the Social Security Act (the Act), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has extended the temporary moratorium, effective January 29, 2016, on Texas Medicaid, CHIP, 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 designated Texas counties. The moratorium has been extended for an additional six months.

Home health agencies and ground ambulance providers can refer to the article titled "Update to Moratorium Information for Home Health Agency and Ground Ambulance Providers," which was published on this website on August 6, 2014. The article provided information about the counties affected for the home health agency and new ground ambulance providers.

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.