
Banner Messages for the 02-08-16 and 02-12-16 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.

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1 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) *****Attention All Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, policy for physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech therapy (ST) will change for Texas Medicaid clients who are 21 years of age and older.

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

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

2 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016, policy for physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech therapy (ST) will change for the Texas Medicaid Comprehensive Care Program (CCP).

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

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

3 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program Providers*******

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will retroactively add National Drug Codes (NDCs) to the February 2016 version of the NDC-to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) crosswalk for new procedure codes J7297 and J7298.

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

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

4 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2016, TMHP will make a new prior authorization form for all therapy services available to providers. The new form and instructions are titled "Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form," and "Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Form Instructions."

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

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

5 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, diagnosis codes Z00110 and Z00111 will become benefits for Texas Health Steps preventive care medical checkups.

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

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

6 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that affects claims submitted on or after October 1, 2015, for orthopedic-related claims that have a diagnosis code with a seventh character specific to subsequent encounters with "routine healing" or aftercare. Some claims were possibly denied in error.

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

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

7 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, procedure code 58555 will no longer be diagnosis-restricted. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

8 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board approved the October 22, 2015, meeting minutes during its meeting on January 14, 2016. The minutes, and other meeting documents, are available at the Vendor Drug Program website at TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads.

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

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

9 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee approved the November 6, 2015, meeting minutes during its final meeting on January 15, 2016. The minutes, and other meeting documents, are available at the Vendor Drug Program website at TxVendorDrug.com/advisory/downloads.

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

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

10 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention Managed Transportation Organization (MTO) Providers*******

The revised 837P Managed Transportation Organization (MTO) Companion Guide is now available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

11 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention <> Providers*******

Effective July 1, 2015, the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) speech therapist fee schedule is no longer available.

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

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

12 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide was updated to include diagnosis codes Z0000 and Z0001. Additional updates were made.

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

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

13 (01/22/16-2/12/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 7, 2016, additional long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products will be available as a pharmacy benefit of Texas Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP). These LARC products will only become available through a limited number of specialty pharmacies that work with LARC manufacturers. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

14 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Providers are reminded to bill for the appropriate hearing aid ancillary procedure codes in addition to the actual monaural and binaural hearing aid procedure codes.

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

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

15 (01/15/16 through 02/12/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Providers must clearly cite the correct reference number on a fax cover sheet when submitting additional information for pending prior authorization requests.

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

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

16 (01/15/16-2/1/16) *Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

The February 15, 2016, release of the Texas National Drug Codes-to-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk will include the termination date of the National Drug Codes (NDC) associated with procedure code J3490 ("unclassified drugs"). Providers should refer to the Vendor Drug Program website for the list of the NDCs that are terminating.

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

17 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) ***Attention All Medicaid, Family Planning Program, and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

As previously communicated, effective January 29, 2016, Texas Medicaid 270/271 Eligibility Inquiry/Responses contain updates to align with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) X12 5010 standard. This information applies to all transactions submitted to TMHP including, but not limited to, Texas Medicaid Acute and Long Term Care, CSHCN Services Program, and Family Planning.

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

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126, Option 3.

18 (02/12/16 through 02/19/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

Monday, February 15, 2016, is Presidents Day, which is a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Friday, February 19, 2016. 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.

19 (02/05/15 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP has updated the ASC X12 270/271 Acute Care and Long Term Care Companion Guides. The Example Transaction is updated to reflect the operating rules of the Council of Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE). The guides are now available on the TMHP website on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) web page

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.

20 (01/15/16 - 02/19/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday March 13, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. During the system maintenance window, all applications and functions will be unavailable.

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

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

21 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) ***Attention Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled, "Definition of a Provider Enrollment 'Complete Application,'" which was published on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. The phrase "if required" was added to the last bullet in the original article: "Documentation of fingerprints of a provider or any person with a 5 percent or more direct or indirect ownership in the provider, if required."

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

22 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention Medicaid, DSHS Family Planning and Expanded Primary Healthcare Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue that impacts procedure code J7303 for Texas Medicaid, DSHS Family Planning, and the Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) Programs. Procedure code J7303 was incorrectly limited to two services per year. Effective December 31, 2015, the limitation has been updated to allow 18 per 12 rolling months.

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

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

23 (02/12/16 through 03/04/16) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning February 19, 2016, TMHP will release electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to depository financial institutions on Fridays instead of Thursdays. For example, the payment for the third week of February will be released Friday, February 19, instead of Thursday, February 18. Deposited funds will be available for withdrawal the Saturday or Monday morning following the completed financial cycle depending on the processes and procedures of individual financial institutions for receiving EFT payments.

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.

24 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "DME Enrollment Updates Effective January 1, 2016," which was posted on the TMHP website November 13, 2016.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

25 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) *Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*****

Reminder: Texas Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program providers must submit both Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) units and National Drug Code (NDC) units on any drug claims submitted for outpatient clinician-administered drugs.

HCPCS units measure the strength of the drug administered, while NDC units measure the quantity or volume of the drug administered. Providers must submit the strength of the drug administered to the client, as this is the HCPCS unit. Providers must also submit the quantity/volume of the drug administered by using the calculated HCPCS unit to determine the correct NDC unit.

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

26 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has identified an issue with some providers experiencing technical difficulties when attempting to fax documents to TMHP offices. This may be due to a recent installation of a new fax machine or switching from an analog line to a digital line, which can cause issues if not configured correctly.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

27 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) *Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*****

The January 15, 2016, release of the Texas National Drug Code to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk (Texas NDC-to-HCPCS Crosswalk - third quarter 2015) contains the termination date of February 15, 2016, for over 4,000 National Drug Codes (NDC) previously associated with procedure code J3490. These NDCs have been identified as "incident to" services and are not appropriately billed using this code.

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.

28 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On January 31, 2016, the first quarter 2016 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will implement for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

29 (01/22/16 through 02/12/16) *Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*****

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced that the previous March 24, 2016 deadline for Medicaid provider re-enrollment is extended to Sept. 25, 2016. Though this extension gives states additional time to ensure providers comply with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirements, Texas Medicaid encourages all providers who have not yet submitted a re-enrollment application to begin this process immediately in order to avoid potential payment disruptions. Additional information will be announced in the coming weeks to assist providers who are working on the re-enrollment process.

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.

30 (02/05/16 through 02/26/16) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the current CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, section 31.2.18.8, "Preventive Care Services." Additional immunization information is available.

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

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

31 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 25, 2016, procedure code 69205 will become a benefit for physicians or clinic/group practices when surgical and ambulatory surgical center services are rendered in an inpatient or an outpatient hospital setting to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients of all ages.

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

32 (01/29/16 through 02/19/16) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Blood Product's procedure codes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

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

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