

## **The Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Season Will End on March 31, 2016, for All Counties in Texas**

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The Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season will end on March 31, 2016, for all counties in Texas. The Vendor Drug Program (VDP) will end coverage of Synagis (Palivizumab) effective March 31, 2016, and pharmacy claims or prior authorizations will not be accepted or reviewed after March 31, 2016.

Palivizumab is a benefit of Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program when medically necessary, as outlined in the 2016 *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook*, subsection 9.2.53, "Palivizumab Injections" and the 2016 *CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual*, chapter 3.1.2, "Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Prophylaxis."

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