Criminal Background Checks and Fingerprinting Enrollment Requirements for High Risk Providers

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Beginning January 1, 2017, as a condition of enrollment in Texas Medicaid and in accordance with Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §455.434 and §455.450(c), fingerprint-based background checks are required for all high-categorical risk providers and their owners who have a 5 percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest. This includes providers that are assigned a high-categorical risk level based on provider type and providers whose risk level was elevated to high risk due to reasons stated in the regulation.

Provider types assigned a high risk level include, but are not limited to the following:

- Home Health Agency (HHA) providers
- Durable medical equipment (DME) providers
- Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPEC)
- Specialized/Custom Wheeled Mobility providers

Enrolled providers that are impacted by these regulations will receive letters with detailed instructions about how to submit proof of fingerprinting to TMHP.

The Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application and Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP) will be updated with instructions for the submission of proof of fingerprinting to TMHP as a requirement of enrollment or revalidation in Texas Medicaid.

For more information about provider risk categories and fingerprinting, refer to the Texas Medicaid Provider Fingerprinting Requirement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) located on the Federal Re-Enrollment page of this website.

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