
Banner Messages for the 12-05-16 and 12-09-16 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 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) *****Attention Medicaid Providers*****

Effective January 1, 2017, anesthesiologists directing one or multiple certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) and/or anesthesiologist assistants (AA) during medical procedures will be reimbursed at 75 percent of the established reimbursement rate. This reimbursement change will apply for Texas Medicaid.

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

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2 (12/02/16 through 12/23/16) *****Attention Medicaid Providers*****

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has amended Title 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §354.1039, "Home Health Services Benefits and Limitations," to remove restrictive language in the rule that required a statement or medical information from the attending physician substantiating that the medical appliance or equipment continues to serve a specific medical purpose for the client.

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3 (12/02/16 through 12/23/16) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has clarified information that was mailed to providers and clients in prior authorization letters. The letters informed providers and clients that certain previously-authorized services would be extended for clients who transitioned to STAR Kids managed care.

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 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of services on or after December 15, 2016, reimbursement rate changes and updates for Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Services will be implemented.

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 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has updated the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program Limited Provider Enrollment (Deeming) Application.

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 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Reminder: For reimbursement for a non-implantable hearing aid device, providers must submit documentation with the CMS-1500 paper claim form showing their cost for the hearing aid device. Providers must use the net acquisition cost as the amount billed on the claim, and providers must not use usual and customary fees as the amount billed. The documentation submitted with the claim must be a manufacturer invoice showing the net acquisition cost of the non-implantable hearing aid device. The Texas Medicaid reimbursement (i.e., the amount paid) will be based on Texas Administrative Code Title 1 §355.8141

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

7 (11/25/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, January 8, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

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.

8 (1/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the article titled, "Benefits for Diagnostic Dental Services to Change for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website on August 12, 2016.

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

9 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and Long Term Care Providers*******

During the STAR Kids transition, TMHP is extending some prior authorizations to ensure continuity of care for eligible clients. TMHP is extending by 90 days prior authorizations that meet the required criteria and that end in October or November 2016. The STAR Kids prior authorization extension extends service dates and does not change the units or frequency of services authorized. Managed care organizations (MCOs) should honor the same frequency and units for the extended period of the authorization. To ensure continuity of care, providers should contact STAR Kids MCOs about authorization extensions with dates of service after November 1, 2016.

If the STAR Kids transition results in the client having more than one prior authorization number (PAN) for the same services, the provider should use the PAN with the latest end date. This authorization extension continues for the entire 90 days, even if the authorization has already expired or the provider has already submitted and received approval for a new authorization.

Providers should contact STAR Kids MCOs for further information.

10 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met October 14, 2016, to make recommendations about clinical prior authorization criteria and which drugs and drug classes to include on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). Their recommendations are now available at the Vendor Drug Program website.

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.

11 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has reactivated the mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention for all programs previously covered by the benefit, including Fee for Service Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program. This also includes the Texas Standing Order for Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals.

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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.

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

Effective January 1, 2017, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, TMHP will apply the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, changes, and deletions. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

The information will be available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on January 1, 2017. 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.

13 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) ***Attention Comprehensive Care and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On December 6, 2016, and December 8, 2016, TMHP will offer live webinars designed to inform providers about the new Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) benefit. Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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.

14 (11/25/16 through 12/16/17) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2017, hearing aid fitting and dispensing services can be billed using Audiologist; Otorhinolaryngology Ears, Nose, and Throat (ENT); and Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat (EENT) Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs).

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

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15 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has updated the ASC X12 837 Acute Care and Long Term Care Companion Guides. The companion guides are located on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) web page. The companion guides have been updated to comply with the operating rules of the Council of Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Template.

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.

16 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled system maintenance on Sunday, January 15, 2017, from 12:01 p.m. through 3:00 a.m. Monday, January 16th, 2017. All applications and functions will be unavailable during the system maintenance window.

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17 (12/09/16 through 12/30/16) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

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18 (11/25/16 through 12/16/16) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2016, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services program procedure codes will change.

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

19 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective December 1, 2016, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will no longer reimburse providers for the assistant surgery component of procedure code 67110.

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.

20 (11/18/16 through 12/09/16) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, benefit criteria for behavioral health services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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