
Banner Messages for the 01-16-17 and 01-20-17 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 (01/27/16 through 02/17/17) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Beginning January 13, HHSC will begin using revised criteria for Hepatitis C prior authorization requests. Providers should review the criteria and forms in their entirety prior to submitting prior authorization requests. The Hepatitis C prior authorization criteria apply to all direct-acting antivirals for Hepatitis C for all Medicaid-eligible individuals (both traditional and 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.

2 (01/27/16 through 02/17/17) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

HHSC will implement the Agents for gastrointestinal (GI) Motility Clinical Prior Authorization for traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) on January 18. This prior authorization includes Amitiza, Linzess, Lotronex, Movantik, and Relistor.

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 (1/20/17 through 2/10/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, donor human milk may be reimbursed to hospital providers for services rendered to inpatients. Providers may receive reimbursement for the donor human milk service separate from the inpatient Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) payment.

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 (01/20/17 through 02/10/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2017, the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17 (PSC-17) may be used during a Texas Health Steps (THSteps) checkup when performing the required mental health screening for clients who are 12 through 18 years of age.

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 (01/20/17 through 02/10/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Benefit criteria for health and behavior assessment and intervention services will be clarified for Texas Medicaid for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017.

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 (01/20/17 through 02/10/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

This is a correction to an article titled, "Update to 'Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2016, January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2017,'" which was published on the TMHP website on January 5, 2017.

In the original article, tables for Indian Health Services, combination type of service 1-2-I-T (medical services, surgery, and interpretation and technical components), long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) (devices only), medical nutrition therapy and outpatient behavioral health had incorrect effective dates.

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 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Outpatient Mental Health Services to Change for Texas Medicaid," which was published on the TMHP website November 2, 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.

8 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2017, benefit criteria for noninvasive prenatal screening procedure codes 81420 and 81507 will change for Texas Medicaid.

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 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to an article titled, "Reimbursement Rates Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid to Be Effective January 1, 2016, January 1, 2017, and March 1, 2017," which was published on the TMHP website on December 5, 2016.

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2016, January 1, 2017, and March 1, 2017, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on November 16, 2016, are now 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.

10 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the timeframe for written and verbal orders will change for Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy - Adult/Clients Age 21 and Over benefits and for Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy-Children (Acute and Chronic) benefits. 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 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, physical therapy (PT) evaluation procedure code 97001 and reevaluation procedure code 97002, and occupational therapy (OT) evaluation procedure code 97003 and reevaluation procedure code 97004 are being discontinued by the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code updates. The changes for these procedure codes will impact Texas Medicaid PT and OT services.

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 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All ECI Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, physical therapy (PT) evaluation procedure code 97001 and reevaluation procedure code 97002, and occupational therapy (OT) evaluation procedure code

97003 and reevaluation code 97004 are being discontinued by the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code updates. The changes for these procedure codes will impact Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) providers.

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 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All SHARS Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, physical therapy (PT) evaluation procedure code 97001 and occupational therapy (OT) evaluation procedure code 97003 are being discontinued by the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code updates. These procedure code changes will impact School Health and Related Services (SHARS) providers.

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.

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(01/06/17 through 01/27/17) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, modifier 95 must be appended to all Texas Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program procedure codes billed as a telemedicine or telehealth service. Modifier GT will no longer be used for Texas Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program telemedicine services.

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.

15 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, procedure codes 97001 and 97003 will be discontinued by the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code updates. Previously, procedure codes 97001 and 97003 with modifier U1 were used to bill for reimbursement of a seating assessment, including assessments for wheelchairs, scooters, and strollers, when billed by an occupational therapist (OT) or a physical therapist (PT).

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 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for Respiratory Equipment and Supplies for Texas Medicaid.

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.

17 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for cardiorespiratory monitor (CRM) for Texas Medicaid.

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.

18 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and respiratory assist devices (RADs) for Texas Medicaid.

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.

19 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for humidifiers and heating elements for Texas Medicaid.

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.

20 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for mechanical ventilation equipment for Texas Medicaid.

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 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for oxygen therapy for Texas Medicaid.

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.

22 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for Pulse Oximeters for Texas Medicaid.

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 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for secretion and mucus clearing devices for Texas Medicaid.

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.

24 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, benefit criteria will change for small volume and ultrasonic nebulizers for Texas Medicaid.

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.

25 (01/03/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has introduced several new forms for requesting prior authorization of respiratory services. The new forms will be available on the TMHP website in January 2017; however, the forms will not be effective until March 1, 2017.

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.

26 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has updated several provider enrollment applications, forms, and documents. The revised versions will be available on the TMHP website beginning January 3, 2017. The changes to the applications are also reflected in Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP).

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.

27 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective January 27, 2017, Texas Medicaid will implement the semi-annual update of the Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL). The update is based on changes presented at the July and October 2016 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meetings.

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.

28 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers*******

This is a correction to the article titled "Correction to 'Effective December 1, 2016, Procedure Codes Reimbursement Update for FQHCs Treating HTW Clients.'" The correction is that the original article should have included procedure code J7307 as a reimbursable code in addition to the federally qualified health center (FQHC) encounter payment. The previous correction article only mentioned that procedure code J7298 was missing a digit in the original article.

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

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

29 (1/06/17 through 1/27/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid Quick Reference Guide has been updated to include the 2017 filing deadline calendar.

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

30 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective 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.

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.

31 (12/30/16 through 01/20/16) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will perform scheduled maintenance on Sunday, February 12, 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.

32 (12/30/16 through 01/20/16) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

This is an update to the articles titled, "Procedure Code Updates for Dual-Eligible Clients Effective June 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016," and "Update to 'Procedure Code Updates for Dual-Eligible Clients Effective June 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016,'" which were published on the TMHP website May 25, 2016, and July 27, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2017, some additional procedure codes are covered benefits of Medicare, and they must be submitted to Medicare before they are submitted to Medicaid for clients who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (i.e., dual-eligible clients).

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.

33 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a reminder article about allergy testing benefits for Texas Medicaid.

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.

34 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On January 5, 2017, the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) will modify clinical prior authorization on all buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone combination products by changing the duration from 30 days to 90 days. The duration modification is a result of prescriber feedback.

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.

35 (01/20/17 through 02/10/17) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Providers are encouraged to participate in a seven question survey concerning the TMHP contact center and the TMHP website. The information gathered through this survey helps TMHP to serve providers better by confirming services that are working well, identifying services that could be improved, and suggesting additional resources that could serve the needs of state health-care providers. The date that providers can access the survey has been extended to February 15, 2017.

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

36 (01/03/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention Medicaid Providers*******

TMHP has upgraded to the latest version of the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) grouper software, which was released on November 17, 2016. The 2016 3.2 version of the software includes updates to the APR DRG v34 grouper. TMHP made the updated software version available on December 30, 2016. Due to updates in the APR DRG v34 grouper, TMHP will analyze and identify impacted inpatient claims by this update.

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.

37 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2017, the first quarter 2017 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented 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.

38 (01/06/17 through 01/27/17) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning January 1, 2017, changes will be made to the outstanding checks process for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHSN) Services Program providers. Providers that have not cashed their checks within 180 days of the issue date may submit a void check appeal to TMHP Cash Financial. The appeal is not a guarantee of payment.

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.

39 (12/30/16 through 1/20/17) ***Attention All Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has expanded the mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention beyond December 31, 2016, for residents of Cameron County. The expansion is for all programs previously covered by the benefit, including fee-for-service (FFS) 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) Services Program. This also includes the Texas Standing Order for Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals.

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.

40 (01/13/17 through 02/03/17) ***Attention All Family Planning Providers*******

Effective December 23, 2016, procedure codes 11982 and 11983 are benefits of the state-funded Family Planning Program (FPP) for dates of service on or after July 1, 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.

41 (01/20/17 through 02/10/17) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2017, the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17 (PSC-17) may be used when performing the required mental health screening for clients who are 12 through 18 years old.

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.

42 (12/30/16 through 01/20/17) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, certain CSHCN Services Program procedure codes will be updated as follows: authorization and prior authorization requirements have been removed from some procedure codes and added for some procedure codes. The type of service has changed for some procedure codes or has been made not a benefit.

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.