Billin g Process Reminder for Spinraza (nusinersen)

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Note: Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) must provide all medically necessary, Medicaid-covered services to eligible clients. Administrative procedures such as prior authorization, pre-certification, referrals, and claims/encounter data filing may differ from traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and from MCO to MCO. Providers should contact the client’s specific MCO for details.

Note: The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has requested that TMHP publish the following information:

HHSC has received concerns about a new medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Spinraza (nusinersen) is an intrathecal injection, approved for the treatment of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) in pediatric and adult clients. At this time, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has not published a unique procedure code for this medication. Nusinersen will be added to the Medicaid National Drug Code (NDC) crosswalk with a relationship effective date of December 27, 2016.

Drugs or biologicals that do not have a unique current procedural terminology (CPT) or a health care common procedure coding system (HCPCS) procedure code must be billed using a nonspecific, unlisted, unclassified, or miscellaneous procedure code (such as J3490 or J3590). All claims for nonspecific, unlisted, unclassified, or miscellaneous procedure codes are processed manually and must be submitted on paper with accompanying documentation.

Providers may refer to the current Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, subsection 9.2.38.8, "Nonspecific, Unlisted or Miscellaneous Procedure Codes," for information about documentation requirements.

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