

Update to Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook

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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.*

Beginning November 1, 2018, TMHP will update the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook*, Section 5.3.6, "THSteps Medical Checkups," to include additional reimbursement information about postpartum depression screenings.

The following statements will be updated as follows:

- Components of a medical checkup that have an available Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code are not reimbursed separately on the same day as a medical checkup, with the exception of initial point-of-care blood lead testing, mental health screening for adolescents, postpartum depression screening, a tuberculin skin test (TST), developmental and autism screening, vaccine administration, and oral evaluation and fluoride varnish (OEFV).
- THSteps medical checkups performed in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) setting are paid an all-inclusive rate per encounter, which includes immunizations, developmental screening, autism screening, mental health screening for adolescents, postpartum depression screening, tuberculin skin test (TST), initial point-of-care blood lead test, and oral evaluation and fluoride varnish (OEFV).

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