

# **Beginning April 26, 2019, TMHP Will Cost Avoid for Prenatal, Postpartum, and Labor and Delivery Services**

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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 April 26, 2019, in accordance with [Section 53102\(a\)\(1\) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018](#), which amends [Section 1902\(a\)\(25\)\(E\)](#) of the Social Security Act, TMHP will cost avoid for prenatal services, including labor and delivery and postpartum services.

TMHP will determine whether the client has coverage through a third party payer that could be liable for coverage of prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum services. If TMHP determines that the client has this coverage, TMHP will deny those claim details, and the remittance and status report will note the third party believed to be responsible for payment.

If a balance remains after the provider bills the liable third party or the claim payment is denied, the provider can submit a claim to TMHP for payment consideration of the balance up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service. Providers must include the explanation of benefit from the third party with the claim.

Providers may refer to the current *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Section 8, Third Party Liability*, for more information about third-party liability.

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