

## **Banner Messages for the 03-11-2019 and 03-15-2019 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](http://www.tmhp.com).

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### **1 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

A recording of the Writing Functional Therapy Goals webinar conducted on January 23, 2019, and the associated Question & Answer document are now available online.

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

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

### **2 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

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.

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### **3 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 1, 2019, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on

or after April 1, 2019. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of Texas Medicaid. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

For clinician administered drug procedure codes included in a quarterly HCPCS update and approved by HHSC to be added as Medicaid benefits, the rate may be effective as of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services effective date.

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

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

**4 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The quarterly update to the Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization Assistance Chart is now available.

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

**(03/08/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, telemonitoring benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

**5 (03/08/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The monthly Texas National Drug Codes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

**6 (03/08/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The quarterly Drug Labeler file is now available for clinician-administered drug processing.

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

**7 (03/01/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met January 25, 2019, to make recommendations for Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and the Preferred Drug List. A summary of this meeting is now available.

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

**8 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, and Family Planning Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 26, 2019, changes will be made to the Sterilization Consent Form, instructions, and denial letter. These changes will apply for all providers that use the Sterilization Consent Form.

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

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

**9 (03/08/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Medical Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide has been updated. The statement below the column titled Condition Indicator Codes was updated to indicate that a condition indicator is required whether a referral is made or not, and the title of the Indicator column was changed to Referral Status.

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

**10 (03/01/19 through 03/22/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CHIP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 1, 2019, TMHP will add a breast pump coverage chart to the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medicaid Managed Care Services Handbook, Section 2.9, "Claims Filing for Managed Care Services."

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

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

**11 (02/22/19 through 03/15/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Nonemergency ambulance requests must be submitted in writing for prior authorization. The only types of ambulance transports that can be prior authorized over the phone are hospital-to-hospital and hospital-to-outpatient medical facility. TMHP may still request that the hospital fax supporting documentation with phone authorizations.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://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.

**12 (03/15/19 through 04/05/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 1, 2019, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019. Discontinued procedure codes will no longer be considered as benefits of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. Added procedure codes will not be reimbursed until the codes are reviewed and a rate hearing is held. Providers will be notified in a future article of any changes in benefits.

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

**13 (03/08/19 through 03/29/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, telemonitoring benefits will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

**14 (02/22/19 through 03/15/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, 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.

**15 (02/22/19 through 03/15/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, procedure code 90649 will no longer be a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

**16 (03/01/19 through 03/22/19) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Home Health Agency and Outpatient Hospital Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Providers must resubmit some home telemonitoring services claims submitted with procedure code 99454 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, and claims submitted with procedure codes 99090, 99090 with modifier GQ, or 99453 for dates of service on or after February 1, 2019.

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

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