

## **Banner Messages for the 03-16-2020 and 03-20-2020 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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## **Total Messages (27)**

### **1 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning May 1, 2020, Medicare-enrolled speech-language pathologists (SLPs) may apply to enroll as Texas Medicaid providers through TMHP. After enrollment, each SLP will be assigned a new SLP provider identifier. The SLP provider identifier will enable the SLP to bill for services to clients of all ages, including those who are Medicare-Medicaid dual eligible.

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 800-925-9126.

### **2 (3/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will update the paper versions of the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Applications.

Effective May 1, 2020, the paper Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Applications and Instructions for Groups, Performing Providers, and Individuals for Traditional Services will include Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP).

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 800-925-9126.

**3 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2019, new state legislation mandates increased syphilis testing in pregnant women to be administered at the first prenatal care examination, during the third trimester, and at delivery.

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 800-925-9126.

**4 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2019, if any discrepancies are identified between the Social Security number (SSN) listed on the enrollment application and any associated Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for the enrolling provider, a copy of the provider's Social Security card is required to confirm the identity of the enrolling provider.

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 800-925-9126.

**5 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, reimbursement rate changes and updates for Annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on January 28, 2020, will be implemented.

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 800-925-9126.

**6 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, physicians and other qualified health-care professionals under physician delegation are not required to submit claims to Medicare for procedure codes 99421, 99422, and 99423, for services rendered to clients who have dual eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare, for disposition prior to submitting the claims to 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 800-925-9126.

**7 (03/13/20 through 04/03/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, therapeutic continuous glucose monitors will be a benefit of Texas Medicaid through Title XIX Home Health 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 800-925-9126.

**8 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications from new candidates for the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Promoting Interoperability Program Informal Audit Ad Hoc Review Panel. The deadline has been extended, and interested candidates should submit a completed application no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020.

For more information or questions, email [Medicaid\\_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Medicaid_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us).

**9 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

In an effort to promote women's health, Texas Health and Human Services is raising awareness of long-acting reversible contraception.

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 800-925-9126.

**10 (03/13/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

By April 1, 2020, program providers and financial management services agencies (FMSAs) subject to 21st Century Cures Act Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements must select an EVV vendor or elect to use their own EVV proprietary system and submit the appropriate form to begin the onboarding process.

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

For more information, contact [evv@tmhp.com](mailto:evv@tmhp.com).

**11 (03/06/20 through 03/27/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, clarification language will be added to the Respiratory Equipment and Supplies - Home Health Texas Medicaid medical policy to distinguish the difference between back-up and replacement ventilators.

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 800-925-9126.

**12 (03/06/20 through 03/27/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program will implement the Trikafta criteria within the existing Cystic Fibrosis Agents clinical prior authorization on February 24, 2020.

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

**13 (03/06/20 through 03/27/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications from new candidates for the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Promoting Interoperability Program Informal Audit Ad Hoc Review Panel. Interested candidates should submit a completed application no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 6, 2020.

For more information or questions, email [Medicaid\\_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Medicaid_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us).

**14 (03/06/20 through 03/27/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled "Allergy Testing Evaluation and Management Limitation Language Updated," that was published on the TMHP website on December 13, 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 800-925-9126.

**15 (03/06/20 through 03/27/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Beginning January 1, 2020, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration certified opioid treatment providers (OTPs) are required to enroll in Medicare and re-enroll with Texas Medicaid as an OTP to bill Medicare as the primary payer.

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 800-925-9126.

**16 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 1, 2020, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Vol. 1, General Information, Provider Enrollment and Responsibilities, subsection 1.1.9.11, "Copy of License and Temporary License or Certification" to add an automated system for handling provider licensure information to cover certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, ophthalmologist, and physical therapy providers.

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 800-925-9126.

**17 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has updated the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Portal Standard Reports and Search Tools job aid, and the TMHP computer-based training (CBT) Module 5: EVV Portal Standard Reports and Search Tools. These updates reflect the November 22, 2019 EVV Portal enhancements to search tools.

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

**18 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

New documents about the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Proprietary System Onboarding Process are available on the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) EVV Proprietary Systems webpage.

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

For more information, contact [evv@tmhp.com](mailto:evv@tmhp.com).

**19 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Mylan issued an alert regarding the manufacturing challenges in the production of EpiPen (epinephrine injection, USP) 0.3 mg and EpiPen Jr (epinephrine injection, USP) 0.15 mg auto-injectors and the authorized generic versions of these strengths. These challenges resulted in the reduced availability of these products.

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 800-925-9126.

**20 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met January 4, 2020, to make recommendations for Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and the preferred drug list. A summary of this meeting is now available from the Texas Vendor Drug Program website.

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 800-925-9126.

**21 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*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](#)]

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

**22 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program will implement the Growth Hormone clinical prior authorization criteria on April 17, 2020, for traditional 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 800-925-9126.

**23 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Reminder: Providers that need to change or add information on a prior authorization request form must strike through the incorrect information with a single line. The original content must remain legible, and the change must be initialed and dated by the original signatory or ordering physician, when applicable. Changes made using a correction fluid (e.g., Wite-Out) will not be accepted.

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 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

**24 (03/13/20 through 04/03/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, TMHP will update the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual, Physician chapter, section 31.2.18.9.5, "Developmental Screening," to clarify developmental screening and testing procedure codes 96110 and procedure code 96110 with modifier U6 benefit criteria.

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

**25 (02/28/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for some 2019 first quarter and second quarter Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will implement.

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

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

**26 (03/20/20 through 04/10/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers \*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is encouraging providers of the Healthy Texas Women program to connect clients with the Primary Health Care (PHC) program when they may no longer be eligible for HTW.

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

For any questions or concerns regarding this matter, or for more information about the PHC program, send an email to [PrimaryHealthCare@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:PrimaryHealthCare@hhsc.state.tx.us) or contact the office at 512-776-3317.

**27 (02/21/20 through 03/20/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective February 18, 2020, Texas will begin receiving federal financial participation for the Healthy Texas Women program, excluding services provided to clients ages 15 through 17.

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 800-925-9126.