2009 Provider Education Workshops and New Education Opportunities
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In 2009, Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will institute several enhancements to agency-sponsored training for providers. A number of the changes are in direct response to provider suggestions. The new training schedule will include more live workshops and new technology-based opportunities, including webinars, computer-based training (CBT), and "radio" broadcasts. All training is free of charge.

Live Workshops
Throughout the year, TMHP will offer live workshops in cities across the state. By popular demand, TMHP has created separate workshops for advanced Medicaid billers and durable medical equipment (DME) providers. The following workshops will be scheduled more frequently than in previous years:

- Medicaid Basics for Beginners
- Advanced Medicaid
- Physician Billing and Medicaid Nursing
- Personal Care Services (PCS) and Therapy Services
- DME

TMHP will offer in-service training for hospitals. In-service training is scheduled for individual hospitals during the month of May by appointment only.

Webinars
A webinar is live training that is presented online (video) and by telephone conference (audio). Participants can attend webinar training from any location they choose. Each webinar is limited to 150 participants, but is repeated several times to accommodate additional participants.

During the training, participants can ask questions using a webcast text box that is visible to the presenter and selected subject matter experts. Questions are answered during the webinar and later posted on this website in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. Training materials are available before, during, and after each webinar on the provider workshop pages of this website.

Computer-Based Training (CBT)
A few high-demand workshops will be converted to CBT modules. Providers with Internet access can take the training at any time, from anywhere, and at any pace.
• Summer 2009
  – Acute Care TexMedConnect
  – Long-term Care TexMedConnect
  – Provider Enrollment on the Portal
• Fall 2009
  – Ambulance
  – Family Planning

"Radio" Broadcasts

TMHP Radio now offers providers an opportunity to hear quarterly broadcasts about a variety of special interest topics. Providers can access Radio TMHP using a new link on the homepage of this website. Programming will focus on health industry topics, including changes in policies and procedures associated with Texas state health-care programs.

More Information and Registration

Providers can access the online training calendar, workshop descriptions, registration forms, and training materials on the homepage of this website. Select Register for a workshop under the heading “I would like to.”

Workshop dates are posted to the calendar approximately six weeks before the first scheduled session.