
Banner Messages for the 07-20-2020 and 07-24-2020 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.

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1 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Providers*******

TMHP will upgrade the Electronic Data Interchange Interactive servers between 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, and 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 2. All applications and functions may be unavailable during the system maintenance window with the exception of Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Needs (CSHCN) Services Program phone and fax operations.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

2 (06/26/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Hospital Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General Utilization Review is piloting new digital submission processes for some hospital providers to minimize submissions of paper medical records and improve efficiency. Hospital providers selected for the pilot will be notified at the time of record requests, and will be provided contact and support information for the options available.

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

3 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met Friday, May 22, 2020, to make recommendations about drugs to be included on the Medicaid preferred drug list. The approved list of decisions is now available.

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

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

4 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, prior authorization will be required for luspatercept-aamt (Reblozyl) (procedure code J0896) for Texas Medicaid.

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

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

5 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The deadline to apply for Federal CARES Act Provider Relief Fund is Monday, July 20, 2020. Interested providers are encouraged to apply.

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

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

6 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly 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. [[link](#)]

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

7 (07/17/20 through 08/07/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, prior authorization language will be updated for genetic testing for colorectal cancer.

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

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

8 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, external cephalic version (procedure code 59412) will no longer be a benefit for ambulatory surgical center providers.

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

9 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, procedure code S8301 for infection control supplies will become a benefit for Texas Medicaid, and procedure code 99001 for the handling and/or conveyance of specimen transfer for the patient benefits will be expanded.

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

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

10 (07/17/20 through 02/07/17) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, therapeutic dental benefit criteria will change for Texas Health Steps.

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

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

11 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

At their meeting on October 23, 2020, the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board will perform a clinical review of anticonvulsants, antihemophilic, antineoplastic (i.e., anti-cancer), antiretroviral (i.e., anti-HIV), and medications used to treat multiple sclerosis (MS).

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

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

12 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Procedure code 87426 for coronavirus testing is a benefit of Texas Medicaid, effective on or after June 25, 2020.

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

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

13 (07/17/20 through 08/07/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning August 20, 2020, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual, Medicaid Managed Care Handbook, section 8, "Carve-Out Services," to include Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH).

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

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

14 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective June 4, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for COVID-19 Special Fee Review S8301, 71250, and 71260 procedure codes were updated as part of a temporary rate increase due to COVID-19.

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

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

15 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective June 4, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, March 13, 2020, April 10, 2020 and April 14, 2020, reimbursement rates for procedure codes related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) will be updated.

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

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

16 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Health and Human Services Commission has extended multiple Medicaid medical benefit flexibilities through July 31, 2020.

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

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

17 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Multiple Medicaid COVID-19 Flexibilities Extended through July 31, 2020," which was published on the TMHP website on June 29, 2020.

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

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

18 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Multiple Medicaid COVID-19 Flexibilities Extended through July 31, 2020," which was published on the TMHP website on June 29, 2020.

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

19 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the Health and Human Services Commission has directed TMHP to move forward with processing new and initial prior authorization requests, including recertification requests, by relaxing document submission timeframes for providers if they are unable to provide certain required documentation during the COVID-19 emergency.

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

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

20 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On June 29, 2020, TMHP made improvements to the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Portal, posted a new demonstration of the changes, and updated the related training materials.

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

For more information, contact evv@tmhp.com.

21 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The article "Cures Act EVV: The EVV Practice Period Begins July 1" has been updated with a link to the new "How to Setup Managed Care EVV Claims Submission to TMHP" guide, more emphasis about the programs and service delivery options the guide applies to, and a corrected contact email address for hcbs-amh.services@hhsc.state.tx.us.

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

For more information, contact evv@tmhp.com.

22 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

HHSC is extending the temporary EVV policies in response to COVID-19 through July 31, 2020.

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

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

23 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On June 25, 2020, TMHP implemented the second quarter 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020.

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

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

24 (07/03/24 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning August 1, 2020, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians and Physician Assistants Handbook and the Vision and Hearing Services Handbook to update benefit criteria.

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

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

25 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid will implement the semi-annual update of the Medicaid Preferred Drug List on July 30, 2020.

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

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

26 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has published an updated frequently asked questions document regarding the guidance permitting remote delivery of certain components of Texas Health Steps medical checkups.

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

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

27 (06/26/20 through 07/17/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning July 1, 2020, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Radiology and Laboratory Services Handbook, section 2.2.13, "Microbiology," to add missing microbiology and molecular testing procedure codes to the table in the section.

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

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

28 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 8, 2020, the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) will implement the clinical prior authorization criteria for Oxobryta (voxelotor) for traditional Medicaid.

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

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

29 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1 2020, reimbursement rates for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Independent Therapist procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will change.

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

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

30 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On June 25, 2020, TMHP implemented the second quarter 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020.

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

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

31 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

There is an update to the article titled, "Update to Date-of-Service Extension for Telemedicine (Physician-Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician-Delivered) Services," which was posted on the TMHP website on May 29, 2020.

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

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

32 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2020, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual will be updated to align with claims system limitations.

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

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

33 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2020, durable medical equipment benefit information will be updated to clarify requirements for modifications for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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

34 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

Effective September 1, 2020, the Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) number will be removed from select outgoing TMHP-initiated provider letters.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

35 (07/17/20 through 08/07/20) *** Attention All Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program Providers*******

On October 1, 2020, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) changes that are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020. The update includes the Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code changes and the Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) surgical procedure code changes.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

36 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective July 1, 2020, the third quarter 2020 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

37 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: When submitting a prior authorization request, a separate prior authorization form must be completed for each request for each client. Supplemental documentation submitted with prior authorization forms must also match the client information listed on the prior authorization form.

Requests received for multiple clients will be returned to the provider for resubmission to ensure Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliance.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

38 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) *** Attention All HTW Providers*******

Additional information is available for COVID-19 (coronavirus) testing procedure codes that became a benefit of the Healthy Texas Women program effective for dates of services on or after February 4, 2020.

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

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

39 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*******

As part of its continued response to COVID-19, Texas Health and Human Services Commission guidance concerning Texas Health Steps Checkups delivered as telemedicine services has been extended through July 31, 2020.

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

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

40 (06/26/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention Texas Health Steps Providers*******

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide has been updated. On the Contact Information page, under "Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac)," the term ImmTrac has been changed to ImmTrac2.

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

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

41 (07/03/20 through 07/24/20) ***Attention All CHIP Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Update to 'CHIP Co-Payments Waived through April 30, 2020,'" which was published on the TMHP website on May 28, 2020.

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), HHSC will waive CHIP co-payments through July 31, 2020.

Details are available at www.tmhp.com. [[link](#)]

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

42 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Durable Medical Equipment Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled, "Update to 'Waiver Extension for the CSHCN Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form,'" which was published on the TMHP website May 29, 2020.

The update is that the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program signature requirement waiver for the CSHCN Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form is extended through July 31.

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

43 (07/10/20 through 07/31/20) ***Attention All Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Medical Transportation Program, Family Planning Program, CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

In response to COVID-19, the Health and Human Services Commission has temporarily waived the requirement for a current driver's license to enroll in Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at 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.

44 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) ***Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on May 27, 2020, will be implemented.

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

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