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## **Banner Messages for the 07-27-2020 and 07-31-2020 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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### **1 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

TMHP will upgrade the Long Term Care Claims system from 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2020, through 11:59 p.m., on Saturday, August 29, 2020. As a result, 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.

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### **2 (07/24/20 through 08/14/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

On August 26, 2020, TMHP will conduct a live webinar to introduce the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Program. The webinar will include an overview of the program and how to submit claims for reimbursement, with focus on the provider's role and responsibilities.

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.

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

Beginning at 7 p.m. on July 31, 2020, TMHP will upgrade its Electronic Data Interchange Interactive servers. The servers will be unavailable from 7 p.m. on July 31, 2020, through 11:59 p.m. on August 2, 2020.

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).

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

Effective July 9, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code J0896 (Reblozyl) has been updated.

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.

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

Effective July 21, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code J1429 (Vyondys 53) will be updated.

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.

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**6 (07/31/20 through 08/21/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program routinely updates existing clinical prior authorization criteria to reflect recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved indications or safety information from the product package insert, and will revise the Dupixent (dupilumab) clinical prior authorization on August 24, 2020.

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.

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**7 (07/31/20 through 08/21/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program routinely updates existing clinical prior authorization criteria to reflect recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved indications or safety information from the product package insert, and will revise the Eucrisa (crisaborole) criteria within the Topical Immunomodulators clinical prior authorization on August 24, 2020.

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.

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**8 (07/31/20 through 08/21/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Vendor Drug Program routinely updates existing clinical prior authorization criteria to reflect recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved indications or safety information from the product package insert, and will revise the Austedo (deutetrabenazine) criteria within the Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 (VMAT2) Inhibitors clinical prior authorization on August 24, 2020.

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.

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**9 (07/31/20 through 08/21/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on Friday, July 24, 2020 is now available. The meeting will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

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.

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**10 (07/31/20 through 08/21/20) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, "Medicaid and CHIP Allocation: Deadline to Apply for CARES Act, July 20, 2020," which was posted on the TMHP website on July 15, 2020.

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.

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**11 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**12 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**13 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**14 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**15 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**16 (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.

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**17 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**18 (07/17/20 through 08/07/20) \*\*\*\*\*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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**19 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**20 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**21 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**22 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**24 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**25 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**26 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**27 (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](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.

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**28 (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.

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**29 (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.

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**30 (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](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.

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**31 (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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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