
Banner Messages for the 08-17-2020 and 08-21-2020 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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) *****Attention All Providers*****

Effective August 13, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for COVID-19 related procedure code C9803 will be updated for Texas Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs 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.

2 (08/07/20 through 09/04/20) *****Attention All Providers*****

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website will have a new look and new features beginning September 14, 2020. Changes users may notice on the site are improved search functionality, easier access to common resources, easier website navigation, and compatibility with tablet and mobile devices for a better online experience.

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.

3 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On October 1, 2020, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020. 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 to be added as Medicaid benefits by HHSC, the rate may be effective as of the CMS effective date.

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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, telemonitoring benefits will change 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 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, Teprotumumab-trbw (Tepezza) (procedure code C9061) will become a benefit 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.

6 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, ambulatory and long-term electroencephalogram benefits will change 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.

7 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

In response to reported drug shortages for albuterol products in the Bronchodilators, Short-Acting Beta Agonist Inhalers drug class, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission temporarily removed the non-preferred status from the generic formulations on March 20, 2020. HHSC will reverse this change in status because it determined sufficient availability in the market.

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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a clarification to an article titled "Procedure Code Addition and Update for Coronavirus (COVID-19)," which was published on the TMHP website on July 10, 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.

9 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership Prior Authorization will accept requests with signatures or initials generated through Adobe® Acrobat using typed fonts. Typed font signatures or initials, such as available through Adobe Sign, will be accepted only with a date stamp and logo or seal.

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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2020, the Vendor Drug Program will implement a uniform opioid policy across fee-for-service and managed care to encourage appropriate use and reduce opioid over prescribing.

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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning August 13, 2020, for dates of service on or after June 25, 2020, new procedure code 87426 will require modifier QW when billed.

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 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective August 13, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code J1095 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.

13 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, benralizumab, mepolizumab, and reslizumab benefits will change 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.

14 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On September 15, 2020, the Vendor Drug Program will extend the non-preferred prior authorization duration for macrolides from 30 days to 90 days for people with diagnosis of Gastroparesis, Cerebral Palsy, Gastroparesis, or Gastroesophageal reflux disease, Gastrostomy complications. This will accommodate longer-term prescribing for such conditions.

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 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The deadline to apply for the Federal CARES Act Provider Relief Fund has been extended to Friday, August 28, 2020. Additionally, providers that missed the opportunity to apply for funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution can begin applying August 10, 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.

16 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the article titled "Reimbursement Rate Changes Presented at Public Rate Hearing on January 28, 2020, to Be Effective January 1, 2020" that was published on the TMHP website on March 9, 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 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2020, botulinum toxin type A and B benefits for Texas Medicaid will be updated to allow reimbursement for the amount of botulinum toxin drugs that are discarded.

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 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, HHSC will allow TMHP to extend existing prior authorization requests that are set to expire in August 2020 and until further notice, for 90 days, if providers are unavailable or unable to provide the required documentation on a timely basis due to a COVID-19 related issue.

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

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

19 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The temporary EVV policies in response to COVID-19 have been extended through Oct. 23, 2020, unless the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services ends the public health emergency earlier. If the public health emergency ends earlier, HHSC will provide additional information.

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 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective July 21, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code J9358 has been 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.

21 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective July 21, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code Q5115 has been 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.

22 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***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.

23 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

By October 1, 2020, all managed care claims for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)-relevant services that are delivered through the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option or Service Responsibility Option (SRO) in the STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS, and STAR+PLUS Medicaid-Medicare Plan (MMP) programs must be submitted to TMHP for the EVV claims matching process to occur.

Beginning October 1, 2020, EVV claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2020, must be submitted to TMHP and will be denied or rejected if they are submitted directly to a managed care organization (MCO).

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

For more information, contact evv@tmhp.com.

24 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "CHIP Co-Payments Waived Through July 31, 2020" which was published on the TMHP website on June 29, 2020.

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), HHSC will waive CHIP co-payments until further notice.

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.

25 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has extended multiple Medicaid COVID-19 flexibilities through October 23, 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 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2020, antisense oligonucleotide benefits will change 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.

27 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from June 9, 2018, through May 19, 2020, to determine whether the claims were paid outside of the spell-of-illness limitation, which is 30 days of inpatient hospital care.

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 (07/31/20 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. [[link](#)]

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

29 (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 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. [[link](#)]

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

30 (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. [[link](#)]

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

31 (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. [[link](#)]

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

32 (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. [[link](#)]

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

33 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes 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.

34 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, therapeutic dental benefit criteria will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs 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.

35 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On October 1, 2020, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020. 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 800-568-2413.

36 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, the limitation for respiratory equipment and supplies procedure code A4216 will be updated to as needed for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program.

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

37 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled, "Signature Requirement Waiver Extended through July for the CSHCN Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form," which was published on the TMHP website June 30, 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.

38 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled "Signature Requirement Waiver Extended through July for the CSHCN Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form," which was published on the TMHP website June 30, 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.

39 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "DME Modification Requirements Clarified for the CSHCN Services Program Effective August 1, 2020," which was published on the TMHP website June 26, 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.

40 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program procedure codes 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.

41 (08/21/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the articles titled "Single-Dose Vial Unused Portion Reimbursement Policy for Clinician Administered Drugs," that were published on the TMHP website on June 12, 2020 and on the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program website on June 19, 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

42 (08/14/20 through 09/11/20) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Reminder: The approved TMHP credit balance audit vendor will no longer pursue overpayment recoveries of \$9.99 or less.

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

43 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All Family Planning Program and HTW Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Further Updates to Date-of-Service Extension for Telemedicine (Physician-Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician-Delivered) Services," which was posted on the TMHP website on July 2, 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.

44 (08/07/20 through 08/28/20) ***Attention All Family Planning Program and HTW Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2020, procedure codes 71250 and 71260 for computed tomography (CT) of the chest will be benefits of Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning 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.

45 (08/14/20 through 09/04/20) ***Attention All SHARS Providers *******

There is an update to the article titled "Certification of Funds Letter to be Emailed to SHARS Providers," which was posted on the TMHP website on May 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.

