
Banner Messages for the 10-12-2020 and 10-16-2020 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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective September 10, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code Q5118 (Zirabev) 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.

2 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

As part of the continued response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, some procedure codes will no longer deny when submitted with non-covered diagnosis codes on or after certain dates of service.

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

3 (10/16/20 through 11/06/20) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

The agendas for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meetings on Thursday, October 22, 2020, and Friday, October 23, 2020, are 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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to the article titled, "Telemonitoring Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid October 1, 2020," which was published on the TMHP website August 14, 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.

5 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective 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) must be submitted to TMHP for the EVV claims matching process to occur.

EVV claims that have a date of service on or after October 1, 2020, and are submitted directly to a managed care organization (MCO) will now be denied or rejected.

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

For more information, contact evv@tmhp.com.

6 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On September 29, 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.

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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 15, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for procedure code J0742 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.

8 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 29, 2020, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate for some procedure codes for Texas Medicaid 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.

9 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Effective September 25, 2020, the Healthy Texas Women provider search functionality has been re-established on the TMHP Online Provider Lookup.

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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Ambulatory and Long-Term Electroencephalogram Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid October 1, 2020," which was published on the TMHP website August 14, 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.

11 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meeting scheduled for October will take place over two days. An additional day, Thursday, October 22, 2020, has been scheduled to allow sufficient time for public testimony regarding the new drug classes anticonvulsants, antihemophilic, antineoplastic (i.e., anti-cancer), antiretroviral (i.e., anti-HIV), and medications used to treat multiple sclerosis.

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 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Members Sought for the Drug Utilization Review Board," which was published on the TMHP website on September 14, 2020. The update is that application submission deadline has been extended to 11:59 p.m., October 12, 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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program (VDP) will restore the non-preferred status for some branded Concerta Tablets on October 16, 2020, because of sufficient product availability.

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 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020, medical prior authorization recertification requests can be submitted up to 60 days before the expiration of the current prior authorization of services.

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 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On October 1, 2020, TMHP will make improvements to the Electronic Visit Verification Portal and update the related training materials.

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

For more information, contact evv@tmhp.com.

16 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will change to 68.01 percent. The FMAP change affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims. For these providers, reimbursement will be increased to match the change in the FMAP.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will change to 77.61 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

17 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

For inpatient hospital stays related to COVID-19 for which the individual client was admitted on or after March 13, 2020, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval through a disaster 1115 authority to extend the 30-day spell of illness limitation that applies to certain adult Medicaid clients for up to an additional 30 COVID-19-related days to allow an individual to stay up to 60 days in a hospital. HHSC is also waiving the \$200,000 benefit limitation for COVID-19-related stays, which applies to adults in fee-for-service Medicaid, as well as some members who remain in STAR Health after their 21st birthday.

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 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Laboratory providers submitting claims for COVID-19 testing or other services for a manually priced test must include the appropriate invoice(s) and documentation to ensure that manually priced laboratory claims (including claims that may or may not be for Coronavirus [COVID-19] testing) are processed timely and correctly.

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

19 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective immediately, members are being sought for the Drug Utilization Review Board of the Medicaid statewide Drug Utilization Review 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.

20 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Vendor Drug Program (VDP) regularly updates the clinical prior authorization criteria. These updates are necessary to help align VDP drug policies and prior authorization approval criteria with the latest information available on drug information packets and federal or state regulations.

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 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

HHSC has directed TMHP to expedite processing and waive submission timeframes and documentation requirements for new prior authorization (PA) requests if the request is to replace durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies that were lost or damaged as a result of Hurricane Laura.

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 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) *** Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, March 13, 2020, April 10, 2020, April 14, 2020, June 1, 2020, and June 25, 2020, reimbursement rates for procedure codes related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program 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.

23 (10/09/20 to 10/30/20) *** Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, April 1, 2020, and June 25, 2020, COVID-19 telephonic and testing procedure codes 99441, 99442, 99443, and 87426 will become a benefit for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, and procedure code 99001 for specimen collection services 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.

24 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On September 29, 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.

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.

25 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

In response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) health emergency, the Health and Human Services Commission has waived the \$200,000 limitation for inpatient hospital stays related to COVID-19. The \$200,000 waiver is for COVID-19-related hospital stays that meet certain criteria.

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.

26 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 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 800-568-2413.

27 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020, procedure code J0800 will be limited to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients who are two years of age and younger for medical services.

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.

28 (10/09/20 through 10/30/20) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective July 1, 2020, a new value Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code "G" has been established to indicate a "Transfer from a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site (ACS)," due to changes relative to the COVID-19 Public Health 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

29 (10/02/20 through 10/23/20) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2020, the fourth quarter 2020 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. [[link](#)]

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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