
Banner Messages for the 01-04-2021 and 01-08-2021 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 (01/08/21 through 01/29/21) *****Attention All Providers*****

The 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, are now available in the 2021 HCPCS Special Bulletin No. 19, on the Rate and Code Updates - HCPCS Updates page of tmhp.com. Deleted procedure codes are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid or 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.

2 (01/08/21 through 01/29/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, immobilized lipase cartridges (procedure code B4105) will become a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

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3 (01/01/21 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, medical physics consultations (procedure codes 77336 and 77370) will become benefits of Texas Medicaid.

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4 (12/25/20 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid will publish the semi-annual update of the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) on January 28, 2020. Texas Health and Human Services Commission based the update on changes presented and recommended at the July 2020 and October 2020 Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meetings. Drug list decisions from both the July and October meetings are available.

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

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5 (12/25/20 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Effective January 15, 2021, the Online Fee Lookup will be updated to display the message "Payable at Contracted Rate," instead of "Not Payable," for certain searches for outpatient claims paid to providers who receive a contracted rate.

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6 (12/25/20 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning February 4, 2021, Texas Medicaid will no longer subject Oseni, a combination of Thiazolidinediones (TZD) and Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 inhibitor drug, to the TZD clinical prior authorization criteria.

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

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7 (12/18/20 through 01/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria for Mepolizumab (Nucala) will be updated 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.

8 (12/18/20 through 01/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective February 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Outpatient Drug Services Handbook to remove subsection 7.10, "Blood Factor Products."

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 (12/18/20 through 01/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook, section 2.2.23.22, "Services that are not a Benefit." The update is to revise the list of services that are not a benefit of Title XIX Home Health Services.

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

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10 (12/25/20 through 01/15/21) ***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.

11 (12/25/20 through 01/8/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Healthy Texas Women Plus telemedicine and telehealth services have been extended through January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021, if the federal public health emergency continues beyond January 21, 2021.

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 (01/08/21 through 02/05/21) ***Attention All VDP Providers *******

Vendor Drug Program (VDP) pharmacy enrollment is moving to Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP). Beginning in February 2021, TMHP will assume pharmacy provider enrollment functions for VDP through a new online provider portal, the TMHP Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS).

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

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13 (01/01/21 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, effective December 18, 2020, the Texas Optometry Board has issued an emergency rule extending the license expiration dates if the provider has met all the requirements outlined in the emergency rule.

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.

14 (01/01/20 through 01/15/20) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing 21 new surgical procedure codes for ICD-10 COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines, including antibody treatments and immunomodulators.

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

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15 (12/25/20 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2021, the first quarter 2021 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.

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16 (12/18/2020 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Provider Enrollment Revalidation Due Dates Extended in Response to COVID-19 Emergency," which was published on the TMHP website on April 1, 2020.

Details are available 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.

17 (12/25/20 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The enrollment application fee for institutional providers for the calendar year 2021 has increased to \$599.

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18 (12/18/20 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Service Program Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the requirement to obtain the client or guardian signature on the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form is waived through January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021, if the federal public health emergency continues beyond January 21, 2021.

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

19 (12/25/20 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will provide reimbursement for previously identified telemedicine and telehealth services through January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021, if the federal public health emergency continues beyond January 21, 2021.

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.

20 (12/25/20 through 01/15/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2021, growth hormone injection benefits will change 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.

21 (12/25/20 through 01/22/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2021, the 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.

22 (12/25/20 through 01/08/20) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program 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. This direction will remain in effect through January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021, if the federal public health emergency continues beyond January 21, 2021. This guidance applies to all Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program services requiring prior authorization.

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

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23 (01/01/20 through 01/15/20) ***Attention All Medicaid, HTW, Family Planning Program and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective December 18, 2020, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's issuance of Emergency Use Authorization for the Moderna COVID 19 Vaccine, vaccine administration procedure codes 0011A and 0012A are benefits for Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program for individuals who are 18 years of age and older. Vaccine procedure code 91301 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

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.

24 (01/08/21 through 01/22/21) *** Attention All Medicaid, Family Planning Program and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is implementing six new diagnosis codes into the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)*.

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

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25 (12/25/20 through 01/08/21) *** Attention All Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021, if the federal public health emergency continues beyond January 21, 2021.

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