
Banner Messages for the 04-19-2021 and 04-23-2021 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 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) *****Attention All Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes will be updated for Medicaid, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), and 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.

2 (04/23/21 through 05/14/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2021, indications for abatacept (Orencia) will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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3 (04/23/21 through 05/14/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2021, benefits for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services 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.

4 (04/23/21 through 05/14/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The agenda for the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting on April 23, 2021, 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.

5 (04/23/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria for omalizumab (Xolair) procedure code J2357 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.

6 (04/23/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Health and Human Services Commission is changing how nonemergency medical transportation services are delivered. Beginning June 1, 2021, clients who have a Medicaid health plan will receive nonemergency medical transportation services through their health plan. HHSC will continue to provide these services for clients who do not have a Medicaid health plan.

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 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program Informal Audit Ad Hoc Review Panel. Interested candidates should submit a completed application no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 23, 2021.

For more information or questions, email the Medicaid EHR Incentive / PI Program at Medicaid_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us.

8 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will remain at 68.01 percent. The FMAP change affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims.

Effective for dates of service from April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will remain at 77.61 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

9 (04/09/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 25, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for procedure codes C9069 and Q5121 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.

10 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On March 30, 2021, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 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.

11 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria for onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi (Zolgensma) 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.

12 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 16, 2021, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, some skin substitute procedure codes were 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.

13 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for the Annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on February 5, 2021 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.

14 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***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. This direction will remain in effect through April 30, 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.

15 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Some Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through April 30, 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.

16 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and HTW Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Telemedicine (Physician Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician Delivered) Extended Through March 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on February 24, 2021.

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning Program (FPP) COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through April 20, 2021 or through April 30, 2021 if the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is continued beyond April 20, 2021.

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

17 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2021, the second quarter 2021 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid 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.

18 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention CSHCN Telehealth and Telemedicine 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 April 30, 2021, unless the federal public health emergency ends sooner.

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

19 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual to remove sections 2.1.8.1, "Blood Factor Products," 24.4.1.1, "Blood Factor Products," and 31.2.9, "Blood Factor Products."

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 (04/16/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the 2021 HCPCS Special Bulletin No. 19, which was published on the TMHP website December 31, 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.

21 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled, "Guidance for Providers Regarding New and Initial Prior Authorizations," which was published July 2, 2020, on the TMHP website.

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 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services 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 April 30, 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.

23 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On March 30, 2021, TMHP will implement the first quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 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.

24 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2021, procedure code 99195 for therapeutic phlebotomy will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for some providers and places of service.

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 (04/09/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Vendor Drug Program Providers*******

Beginning April 1, 2021, pharmacy providers will use the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) to enroll, reenroll, and revalidate in Texas Medicaid. PEMS automates and streamlines the provider enrollment process, making it significantly easier for pharmacy providers to complete their applications.

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 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All HTW Providers*******

On January 22, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver for a five-year period ending December 31, 2024, which allows the Health and Human Services Commission to utilize federal funding for the HTW program for women who are 18 through 44 years of age.

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 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All CHIP Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "CHIP Copayments Waived Through March 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on February 23, 2021.

As part of its continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will waive Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) co-payments through April 20, 2021 or through April 30, 2021 if the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is continued beyond April 20, 2021. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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

28 (04/16/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*******

There is an update to the 2021 HCPCS Special Bulletin and the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual for Texas Health Steps dental services benefit for procedure codes D7961 and D7962.

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 (04/16/21 through 05/07/21) ***Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2021, an additional screening tool for developmental screenings for children and an additional screening tool for mental health screenings for adolescents will be added for Texas Health Steps Preventative Care Medical Checkups.

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

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