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## Banner Messages for the 05-17-2021 and 05-21-2021 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](http://www.tmhp.com).

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### 1 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\*

There is an update to the article titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0001A and 0002A Are Now Benefits," which was posted on the TMHP website on December 14, 2020.

Effective May 10, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's issuance of updated age restrictions for the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, coverage of vaccine administration procedure codes 0001A and 0002A is expanded for Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for individuals who are 12 years of age and older. Vaccine procedure code 91300 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

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### 2 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\*

TMHP has changed the schedule for a system maintenance outage from Sunday, June 20, 2021 to Sunday, June 27, 2021. The rescheduled system maintenance period will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 27, 2021, and end at 4 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2021.

During a system maintenance outage, all web-based applications and functions are unavailable.

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**3 (04/30/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 23, 2021, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) can be reimbursed for COVID-19 vaccine administration services with procedure codes 0001A, 0002A, 0011A, 0012A, and 0031A.

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

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**4 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On June 1, 2021, hospitals will receive access to their state fiscal year 2020 Potentially Preventable Readmissions and Potentially Preventable Complications hospital-level PDF reports and underlying Excel data files.

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 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Gynecological, Obstetrics, and Family Planning Title XIX Services Handbook, section 4.1, "Services, Benefits, Limitations, and Prior Authorization," and Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, section 9.2.7.3, "Anesthesia for Labor and Delivery."

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

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**6 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, ferric derisomaltose (procedure code J1437) is a benefit of Texas Medicaid.

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

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**7 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 1, 2021, TMHP will implement the second quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021. 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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**8 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will revise the clinical prior authorization criteria guides for enzymes on June 30, 2021, in accordance with the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration changes. HHSC will revise the references for these documents accordingly.

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 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through May 31, 2021.

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 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 6, 2021, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for some drugs procedure codes will be updated.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com).

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126. [[link](#)]

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**11 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective April 13, 2021, some COVID-19 laboratory procedure codes have been updated to become benefits for pharmacists and pharmacy providers when services are rendered to a Texas Medicaid client in an office setting (including the pharmacy).

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 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Some Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through May 31, 2021.

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 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*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 May 31, 2021.

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

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**14 (05/03/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from February 2, 2019 through December 22, 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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**18 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On April 16th, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the Emergency Use Authorization for bamlanivimab when administered alone. The FDA determined that the known and potential benefits of bamlanivimab, when administered alone, no longer outweigh the known and potential risks. Effective April 30, 2021, antibody therapy procedure codes M0239 and Q0239 are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid and the Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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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**19 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Recordings of the February 11, 2021, and March 4, 2021, New Provider Responsibilities Webinar Parts 1 and 2, and the related Question and Answer document are now available on the TMHP Learning Management System.

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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**20 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective May 15, 2021, the value Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code "B" must no longer be used. This code has been discontinued. Providers should use "Condition Code 47" to replace Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code "B."

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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**21 (04/30/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, "TMHP to Revert Back to Grouper Version 36 of the APR-DRG System to Process Inpatient Claims," that was published on the TMHP website on November 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**22 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

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

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**23 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services (CSHCN) Program Provider Manual section 14.2.3.5, "Radiographs or Diagnostic Imaging," and 14.2.6.7 "Prosthodontics (Removable) and Maxillofacial Prosthetics."

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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**24 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\* 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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**25 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Client Signature Requirement Waived on CSHCN Documentation of Receipt Form in Response to COVID-19 Emergency," which was posted on the TMHP website on April 1, 2021.

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 May 31, 2021.

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

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**26 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*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 May 31, 2021, unless the federal public health emergency ends sooner.

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

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**27 (04/30/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2021, the Criteria for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia form (applicable for Texas Health Steps dental providers) and CSHCN Services Program Criteria for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia form will be modified to include the Spanish translation in the client behavior and certification sections.

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 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All VDP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership suggests best practices to assist Vendor Drug Program providers.

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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**29 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning June 1, 2021, in addition to the providers that are currently required to complete a Healthy Texas Women (HTW) certification, most provider types and provider specialties will be required to complete a HTW certification in order to be reimbursed for services.

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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**30 (05/07/21 through 05/28/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Some Texas Medicaid provider enrollment applications have been updated to include the "Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Certification required for reimbursement" legend symbol for provider types that are required to complete an HTW certification to receive HTW reimbursement.

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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**31 (05/07/21 through 05/21/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CHIP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "CHIP Copayments Waived Through April 20, 2021 or Through April 30, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on March 26, 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 May 31, 2021. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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

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**32 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, section 4.2.3.7, "Diagnostic Services," and 4.2.18, "Prosthetic (Removable) Services."

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.