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## Banner Messages for the 07-25-2022 and 07-29-2022 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 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 17, 2022, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's issuance of updated age restrictions for the emergency use authorization for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, coverage of vaccine administration procedure codes 0011A, 0012A, and 0013A are expanded for Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women program, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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### **2 (07/29/22 through 08/19/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "TMPPM Update for Initial Hospital Care Visit" that was posted on the TMHP website on April 15, 2022.

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

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**3 (07/22/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

A two-part webinar series in July 2022 will focus on Texas Medicaid and local health departments. Registration is free, and descriptions of the webinars and links are provided in the web article.

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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**4 (07/29/22 through 08/19/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning August 12, 2022, the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will begin to suspend payments to the impacted providers that have not submitted the required Senate Bill (SB) 809 Rider 143 Reports for COVID-19.

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 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2022, prior authorization criteria will be added for tezepelumab-ekko (Tezspire) procedure code J2356.

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

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**6 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 1, 2022, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, durable medical equipment (DME) end-stage renal disease (ESRD) procedure code E1629 for clients receiving dialysis in the home setting will become a benefit for Texas Medicaid. Procedure code E1629 will be excluded from the composite rate and will be paid separately.

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**7 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

In November 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program to provide hospitals with expanded flexibility to care for patients in their homes.

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) recently released changes to the valid values acceptable on the Institutional Claim Form. The NUBC has approved two codes used in claims for the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program, which allows patients to obtain acute inpatient care at home. The codes are intended to be used to identify and track the inpatient claims for services provided under the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program.

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

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**8 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on December 13, 2021, will be implemented.

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 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, telemedicine and telehealth benefit information will be updated for Texas Medicaid.

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

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**10 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 14, 2022, the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) made improvements to the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Portal and updated related training materials in the TMHP Learning Management System (LMS).

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

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**11 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, and September 1, 2022, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on May 16, 2022, will be implemented.

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 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) procedure codes 97605, 97606, 97607, and 97608 will become benefits of 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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**13 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, synchronous audiovisual technology telemedicine delivery for certain physician evaluation and management for general family planning, antenatal, and postnatal services may be 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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**14 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, vaccine services benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

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

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**15 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, some behavioral health services delivered by synchronous audiovisual technology or synchronous telephone (audio-only) technology will become benefits of 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 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, nonlocal mental health authorities (henceforth referred to as private providers) may deliver mental health targeted case management (MHTCM) and mental health rehabilitation (MHR) services to persons in traditional, fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid prior to the persons' enrollment with a managed care organization (MCO).

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 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, language will be added to the Medical Nutrition Counseling Services-Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) policy allowing procedure code S9470 to be provided through synchronous telephone (audio-only) technologies during a declaration of a state of disaster when modifier 93 is appended to the claim.

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

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**18 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2022, some clinician-administered drugs will no longer require a specialist prescription or consultation.

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**19 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will transition certain COVID-19 flexibilities to permanent guidance in line with House Bill (H.B.) 4 (87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019). This will include some physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services delivered by synchronous audiovisual technology for adults and children.

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

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**20 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, benefit information for the Early Childhood Intervention program will be updated to identify services that will remain permanent benefits when delivered through telehealth.

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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**21 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The agenda for the July 22, 2022, Texas Drug Utilization Review Board meeting is now available.

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

Email questions or comments to [vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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**22 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) revised the clinical prior authorization criteria guides for Dupixent, Evrysdi, and Qelbree to reflect the recommendations from the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indications.

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

Email questions or comments to [vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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**23 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met Friday, April 22, 2022, to recommend drugs for the Medicaid preferred drug list. The approved list of decisions is now available. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will incorporate the decisions from the January and April 2022 board meetings into the July 2022 release of the preferred drug list.

Email questions or comments to [vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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**24 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to include children 6 months through 17 years of age and the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include children 6 months through 4 years of age.

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

Email questions or comments to [vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us).

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**25 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Since the deployment of the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS), Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has heard from many providers and used their feedback to enhance the provider user experience.

The topics listed in this notification highlight the most frequent issues that providers have indicated they need additional support for. This is the eleventh edition of this list, following the first edition that was posted on February 28, 2022.

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**26 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has scheduled a system maintenance outage to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022, and end at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

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

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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**27 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, procedure code J3031 (Ajoy) will become a payable benefit of Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for clients 18 years of age or older.

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

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**28 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for some procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will be updated.

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

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**29 (07/01/22 through 08/22/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 28, 2022, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, reimbursement rates for some 2022 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes will be implemented for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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

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**30 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Texas Health Steps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On September 1, 2022, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook with synchronous audiovisual and synchronous telephone (audio-only) technology criteria to allow telemedicine and telehealth services for Texas Health Steps preventive care medical checkups during a declaration of a state of disaster.

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

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**31 (07/22/22 through 08/12/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Healthy Texas Women Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2022, benefit information for the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program will be updated to identify services that will remain permanent benefits when delivered through telemedicine and telehealth.

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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**32 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All HTW Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) claims for telemedicine (physician delivered) and telephone (audio-only) services COVID-19 guidance will be extended to August 31, 2022.

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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**33 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All STAR Kids Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) invites STAR Kids providers to participate in the Comprehensive Health Homes for Integrated Care (CHIC) Kids Pilot program. The pilot program will focus on members of the STAR Kids program who have multiple chronic conditions and are under age 21.

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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**34 (07/15/22 through 08/05/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All VDP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS)-associated job aid, Finding Your Texas Vendor ID, is now available on the TMHP website.

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

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**35 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All VDP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will stop accepting the Comptroller of Public Accounts version of the Application for Texas Identification Number (Form AP-152) after September 1, 2022. Instead, the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) will have the new Application for Texas Identification Number (Health and Human Services [HHS] Form 4109).

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

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**36 (07/08/22 through 07/29/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All VDP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On May 2, 2022, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced that pharmacies should begin updating their license information in the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS).

Beginning September 28, 2022, HHSC and managed care organizations (MCOs) will reject pharmacy claims if the pharmacy license information in PEMS is incorrect. Pharmacies should begin reviewing their pharmacy's license information in PEMS as soon as possible to prevent claim rejections. If the license information is incorrect, a maintenance request must be submitted through PEMS to make corrections.

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

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