
Banner Messages for the 09-13-2021 and 09-17-2021 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 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective September 9, 2021, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for drug procedure code Q5123 for Texas Medicaid 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.

2 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) *****Attention All Providers*****

Texas providers rendering services to evacuees from Louisiana due to Hurricane Ida may complete the Hurricane Emergency Expedited Application with Louisiana Medicaid to receive reimbursement for services rendered to Louisiana Medicaid clients.

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

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

3 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments could be delayed by one business day due to a payment processing issue that has been resolved at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Providers receiving EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, August 30, 2021, at the latest.

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

4 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0003A (Pfizer-BioNTech) and 0013A (Moderna) are now benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for an additional dose for certain immunocompromised individuals.

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.

5 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from prior authorization forms, instructions, and consent forms.

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 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Beginning September 1, 2021, Medicaid will expand coverage of the hepatitis C virus clinical prior authorization criteria to include all metavir fibrosis scores.

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 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, hospitals enrolled in Texas Medicaid can be reimbursed for inpatient and outpatient maternal services only if the hospitals have received a maternal level of care designation from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in accordance with 25 Texas Administrative Code §§133.201-133.210. The maternal level of care designation applies to Texas Medicaid and Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through September 30, 2021. HHSC will provide more information if there are changes.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

As part of the continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will waive Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) co-payments through September 30, 2021. HHSC will provide more information if there are changes. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) 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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through September 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

12 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, system changes are coming, and all prior authorization forms are being 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.

13 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2021, reimbursement rate updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on July 12, 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 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Change in Texas Pharmacy Prior Authorization Call Center Fax Number" published on this website on July 22, 2021. The update is that the original fax number is now fully operational.

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 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, and September 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on May 25, 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.

16 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly update to the Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization Assistance Chart 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

17 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On July 30, 2021, the FDA revised the emergency use authorization (EUA) for REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together) authorizing REGEN-COV for emergency use as post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) for COVID-19 in adults and pediatric individuals (12 years of age or older weighing at least 40kg) who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 30, 2021, diagnosis code Z20822, indicating possible exposure to COVID-19, will be added as a payable diagnosis for procedure code M0243 for monoclonal antibody therapy administration.

Affected claims submitted with dates of service from July 30, 2021, through August 12, 2021, will be reprocessed. Providers may receive an additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status Reports.

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 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The "Removal of TPI From Forms" informational video is available for viewing.

This short video explains that in place of Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs), providers must submit their National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) and related data on forms, effective September 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

19 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The updated Medicaid fee-for-service Medical Transportation Program computer-based training is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

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.

20 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The recent summer resurgence in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activities in Texas resulted in the Texas Health and Human Service Commission's (HHSC) decision to gradually open all Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regions, allowing all members who meet prior authorization criteria to receive monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

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 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning October 1, 2021, completion of a new prior authorization form for treatment with Synagis (palivizumab) will be required for all children. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) monitors respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity year-round in its 11 Public Health regions and reports data on its website. This data is followed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the RSV Task Force of practicing physicians from around the state. As a result of the recent summertime resurgence in RSV activity, HHSC began opening DSHS regions gradually from June 21 through July 23, 2021. With the traditional 2021-22 RSV season approaching, all Texas DSHS regions will remain open, and all children who meet prior authorization criteria will be eligible for up to 5 monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Reminder: TPI Number to be Removed From Prior Authorization Forms, Claim Forms and Instructions, Effective September 1, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on August 16, 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

23 (09/06/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from claim forms, electronic data interchange (EDI) forms, and instructions.

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 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, COVID-19 testing procedure code 87637 will require the modifier QW when billed. Affected claims submitted with dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, may be reprocessed. When the claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status Reports.

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.

25 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program authorization forms, prior authorization forms, miscellaneous forms, and form instructions.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***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.

27 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***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 September 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.

28 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program reimbursement for previously identified telemedicine and telehealth services has been extended for dates of service through September 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.

29 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning September 1, 2021, procedure codes 64486, 64487, 64488, and 64489 (for transversus abdominis plane block services) will become benefits for providers who render surgery and ambulatory surgical center services to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting.

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.