
Banner Messages for the 03-22-2021 and 03-26-2021 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 (03/05/21 through 04/02/21) *****Attention All Providers*****

Effective February 27, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's issuance of Emergency Use Authorization for the Janssen COVID 19 Vaccine, vaccine administration procedure code 0031A is a benefit for Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program for individuals 18 years of age and older. Vaccine procedure code 91303 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.

2 (03/26/21 through 04/16/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Medicaid will revise Cytokine and Cell-Adhesion Molecule (CAM) Antagonists clinical prior authorization criteria on May 4, 2021 in accordance with the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration's changes. The revised clinical prior authorization criteria document is available for review.

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

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3 (03/26/21 through 04/16/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will update the diagnosis codes in the Epidiolex clinical prior authorization criteria for consistency with those diagnosis codes used for Diacomit. Both drugs are U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved treatments for Dravet Syndrome.

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

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4 (03/18/21 through 04/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Fasenra (benralizumab) and Nucala (mepolizumab) are monoclonal antibody drugs approved for severe asthma treatment.

Details are available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

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

5 (03/12/21 through 04/02/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

This is a reminder that all providers who are enrolled in Medicare and submit paper crossover claims to Texas Medicaid, must submit the same information to Texas Medicaid that was received from Medicare.

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 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 4, 2021, for dates of service on or after February 27, 2021, the reimbursement rate for procedure code 0031A has been 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.

7 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

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

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8 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 4, 2021, for dates of service on or after February 27, 2021, the reimbursement rate for procedure code 0031A has been updated for Texas Medicaid.

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9 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook, subsections 2.2.23 "Respiratory Equipment and Supplies," and 2.2.23.1.2, "Respiratory Equipment for Clients Not Meeting Required Criteria."

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 (03/12/20 through 04/02/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 2, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for procedure codes C9071, J1823, and S0013 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.

11 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on November 13, 2020, 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.

12 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers *******

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through March 31, 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.

13 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will extend the 2020-21 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season through March 15, 2021, for counties in Region 5 (Southeast Texas) and 6 (Gulf Coast Texas).

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 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, telemonitoring benefits 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.

15 (03/05/21 through 04/02/21) ***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 March 31, 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 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some 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.

17 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for some procedure codes that were presented at a public rate hearing on February 5, 2021, will be implemented.

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18 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid, HTW and Family Planning Providers*******

Effective May 1, 2021, certified nurse midwives may be reimbursed for medical services rendered in an office or outpatient hospital setting with procedure codes 99385 and 99386. This change applies to Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), and the Family Planning Program.

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

19 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All CHIP Providers*******

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 March 31, 2021. 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

20 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective March 11, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rate for procedure code S0215 has been updated for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services program.

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

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21 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 9, 2021, procedure codes Q0245 and M0245 have been added to Texas Medicaid for the treatment of COVID-19.

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.

22 (03/12/20 through 04/02/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2020, the age limitation for procedure code J1303 was removed for Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients.

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

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23 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective March 1, 2021, some taxonomy codes will be updated for some hospital services provider types 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.

24 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2021, some taxonomy code descriptions will be updated for some behavioral health and social service provider types, community/behavioral health agency provider types, and transportation services provider types 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.

25 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Provider Manual, Physician Handbook, section 31.2.42.1.1, "Compression."

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

26 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On April 1, 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. 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.

27 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***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 March 31, 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 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***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 March 31, 2021.

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

29 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

This 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.

30 (03/05/21 through 03/26/21) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program Providers*******

This is an update to the article titled "Telemedicine (Physician-Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician-Delivered) Services Extended through February 28, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on January 26, 2021.

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

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31 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All VDP Providers*******

Beginning April 1, 2021, Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership will take over all Vendor Drug Program pharmacy enrollment operations following the launch of the Provider Enrollment and Management System.

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

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