
Banner Messages for the 01-10-22 and 01-14-2022 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.

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1 (01/07/22 through 01/28/22) ***Attention All Providers*******

The 2022 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions and deletions that are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, are now available in the 2022 HCPCS Special Bulletin No. 21, posted on the Rate and Code Updates - HCPCS Updates page on tmhp.com. Deleted procedure codes are no longer benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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2 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will include COVID-19 at-home test kits as a Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Healthy Texas Women (HTW), Kidney Health Care (KHC), and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) pharmacy benefit beginning January 3, 2022, for fee-for-service (FFS) and no later than January 17, 2022, for managed care.

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3 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On December 22, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer oral COVID-19 drug Paxlovid. The medication treats mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and children 12 years of age or older who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19.

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4 (12/31/21 through 01/22/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Some Medicaid COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through January 31, 2022. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is extending these flexibilities through January 31, 2022, because it includes teleservices that are being analyzed in alignment with House Bill 4.

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

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5 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Starting December 30, 2021, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, the reimbursement rate for procedure code Q2054 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 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for some 2021 fourth quarter healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) procedure codes will be implemented for Texas Medicaid.

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

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7 (01/07/22 through 01/28/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On December 9, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to approve a booster dose for persons 16 and 17 years of age. Additionally, starting December 13, 2021, Pfizer is expected to begin distributing a new formulation of the multiple-dose Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that does not require dilution.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is updating pharmacy benefit coverage for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

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

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8 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will remain at 67.00 percent. The FMAP affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will remain at 76.90 percent. This will not affect provider reimbursement. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

9 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual (TMPPM) will be updated with the Autism Services Policy language on February 1, 2022. Autism services are covered services of the Texas Health Steps - Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP) for Texas Medicaid recipients who are 20 years of age or younger and meet the criteria outlined in the Medicaid Autism Services Policy.

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 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective December 3, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revised the emergency use authorization (EUA) of bamlanivimab and etesevimab (previously authorized for pediatric patients 12 years and older weighing at least 40 kilograms, or about 88 pounds) to additionally authorize bamlanivimab and etesevimab administered together for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 and post-exposure prophylaxis in all younger patients, including newborns, who have a positive COVID-19 test and are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

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11 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "New ICD-10 COVID-19 Diagnosis Code Updates Effective January 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website on December 30, 2020.

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

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12 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "New ICD-10 COVID-19 Diagnosis Code Updates Effective January 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website on December 22, 2020.

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13 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid will publish the semiannual update of the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) on January 27, 2022. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based the update on changes presented and recommended at the July 2021 and November 2021 Texas Drug Utilization Review Board

meetings. Drug list decisions from the July and November meetings are available on the Vendor Drug Program website.

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

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14 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) *** Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) was made aware that Ferring Pharmaceuticals has issued a voluntary recall for all batches of its product called Stimat® (desmopressin acetate) Nasal Spray, 1.5mg/ml. The product is currently on the U.S. Federal Drug Administration national drug shortage list, and the manufacturer estimates that Stimat® will not become available until the second half of 2023.

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

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15 (01/07/22 through 01/28/22) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The enrollment application fee for institutional providers for the calendar year 2022 has increased to \$631.

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16 (12/31/21 through 01/14/22) *** Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Paper reimbursement checks for December 31, 2021, will be delayed 3 to 5 business days because of a payment processing issue. Providers receiving paper checks can expect funds within 7 to 10 business days.

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17 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) *** Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Client Signature Requirement on CSHCN Documentation of Receipt Waived Through October 31, 2021," which was published October 1, 2021, 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.

18 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) *** 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 November 1, 2021, 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.

19 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) *** Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "CSHCN COVID-19 Telehealth and Telemedicine Extensions through December 31, 2021," which was published October 1, 2021, on the TMHP website.

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

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20 (01/07/22 through 01/28/22) ***Attention CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, limited orthodontic treatment procedure codes D8010 and D8020 will be benefits in the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at www.tmhp.com. [\[link\]](#)

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

21 (12/24/21 through 01/14/22) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for medical nutritional product procedure code B4100 will be updated 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.

22 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Updated CSHCN Prior Authorization Request for Medical Nutritional Products Form and Instructions Effective November 1, 2021" that was posted on the TMHP website October 22, 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 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

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

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 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning Program Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning Program COVID-19-related flexibilities have been extended through January 31, 2022. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide more information if there are changes.

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25 (12/31/21 through 01/21/22) ***Attention All Healthy Texas Women Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women Plus COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through January 31, 2022. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide more information if there are changes.

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