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## Banner Messages for the 01-17-22 and 01-21-2022 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 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\*

On December 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Merck oral COVID-19 drug Molnupiravir for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults 18 or older.

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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### 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.

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

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**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.

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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.

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

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

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**10 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has become aware of a drug shortage of Vibramycin 25mg/5mL suspension in the tetracycline drug class because of Pfizer's discontinuation of the product. HHSC has received reports of a shortage from managed care organizations (MCOs) and verified it on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration drug shortage website.

In response to the shortage of the preferred brand product Vibramycin 25mg/5mL suspension, national drug code (NDC) 0069-0971-95, HHSC has temporarily removed the non-preferred status from the generic product, doxycycline 25mg/5mL suspension, on the preferred drug list (PDL).

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

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**11 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a document that has been updated with instructions on how to complete Healthy Texas Women (HTW) certifications and attestations using the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS).

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

On January 13, 2022, TMHP added the new Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Consumer Directed Services (CDS) Employer Usage Report to the EVV Portal and updated the TMHP Learning Management System (LMS) to include the new report.

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

For more information, email [evv@tmhp.com](mailto:evv@tmhp.com).

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**13 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On January 3, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

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

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for some drugs' procedure codes have been implemented for Texas Medicaid.

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

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**15 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after December 9, 2021, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) amended emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0004A (the booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine) is now a benefit of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for clients 16 or 17 years old.

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**16 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, pneumococcal vaccine procedure codes 90671 and 90677 will become benefits of Texas Medicaid for clients who are 18 years of age or older.

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**17 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 1, 2022, prior authorization criteria will be effective for hypoglossal nerve stimulator (HNS) procedure code 64582 in 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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**18 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, prior authorization will be required for laser interstitial thermal therapy procedure codes 61736 and 61737 in 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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**19 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, benefit criteria will change for intravenous (IV) therapy equipment and supplies in 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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**20 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, renal dialysis benefits 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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**21 (01/14/22 through 01/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, benefit criteria will be added for vestibular evoked myogenic potentials (VEMP) procedure codes 92517, 92518, and 92519.

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

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, wound care equipment and supplies procedure code A4247 will be limited to one box per month.

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

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**23 (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.

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

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**24 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Provider enrollment functions are available through the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS), and there are two ways to enroll performing providers in PEMS.

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

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**25 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is experiencing an unusually high volume of calls from providers with questions about the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS).

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

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**26 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, wound care management procedure codes Q4173 and Q4174 will become benefits for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients. Wound care management procedure codes Q4115 and Q4132 will no longer be benefits effective March 1, 2022.

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

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**27 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has recently implemented a new Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS), effective December 13, 2021. Because of the transition to the new enrollment system, all existing applications in the former enrollment system, Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP), must be completed by February 15, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**31 (01/07/22 through 01/28/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All 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](http://www.tmhp.com).  
[\[link\]](#)

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

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

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

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

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**34 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 1, 2022, prior authorization criteria will be in effect for hypoglossal nerve stimulator (HNS) procedure code 64582.

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

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**35 (01/21/22 through 02/11/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning March 1, 2022, prior authorization criteria will be in effect for hypoglossal nerve stimulator (HNS) procedure code 64582.

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**36 (01/14/22 through 02/04/22) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Behavioral Health Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As required by Senate Bill (SB) 640 (87th Legislature, 2021, Regular Session), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in collaboration with behavioral health stakeholders, is conducting a survey to better understand the opportunities and barriers to sharing clinical data with other health-care providers. Additional information and the survey link are forthcoming.

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

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**37 (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.

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

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**38 (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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