
Banner Messages for the 04-05-2021 and 04-09-2021 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 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective for dates of service from April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will remain at 68.01 percent. The FMAP change affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims.

Effective for dates of service from April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) will remain at 77.61 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

2 (04/09/21 through 05/07/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective March 25, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for procedure codes C9069 and Q5121 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.

3 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On March 30, 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.

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

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

4 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria for onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi (Zolgensma) 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.

5 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective March 16, 2021, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2021, some skin substitute procedure codes were 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 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for the Annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) 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.

7 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***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 April 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.

8 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Some Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through April 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.

9 (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. [\[link\]](#)

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

10 (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. [\[link\]](#)

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

11 (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. [\[link\]](#)

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

12 (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.

13 (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.

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 (03/19/21 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.

15 (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.

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

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 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and HTW Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Telemedicine (Physician Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician Delivered) Extended Through March 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on February 24, 2021.

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning Program (FPP) COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through April 20, 2021 or through April 30, 2021 if the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is continued beyond April 20, 2021.

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

20 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective April 1, 2021, the second quarter 2021 National Correct Coding Initiative updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP 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.

21 (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. [\[link\]](#)

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 (03/19/21 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.

23 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) *** Attention CSHCN Telehealth and Telemedicine 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 April 30, 2021, unless the federal public health emergency ends sooner.

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

24 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) *** 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.

25 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) *** 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 April 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.

26 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On March 30, 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.

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 (04/09/21 through 04/30/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2021, procedure code 99195 for therapeutic phlebotomy will become a benefit of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for some providers and places of service.

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 (03/19/21 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.

29 (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.

30 (04/09/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All Vendor Drug Program Providers*******

Beginning April 1, 2021, pharmacy providers will use the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) to enroll, reenroll, and revalidate in Texas Medicaid. PEMS automates and streamlines the provider enrollment process, making it significantly easier for pharmacy providers to complete their applications.

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

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

31 (03/19/21 through 04/09/21) ***Attention All Vendor Drug Program 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. [\[link\]](#)

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

32 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All HTW Providers*******

On January 22, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver for a five-year period ending December 31, 2024, which allows the Health and Human Services Commission to utilize federal funding for the HTW program for women who are 18 through 44 years of age.

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

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

33 (04/02/21 through 04/23/21) ***Attention All CHIP Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "CHIP Copayments Waived Through March 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on February 23, 2021.

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 April 20, 2021 or through April 30, 2021 if the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is continued beyond April 20, 2021. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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