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## **Banner Messages for the 05-31-2021 and 06-04-2021 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](http://www.tmhp.com).

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## **Total Messages (21)**

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### **1 (05/28/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, May 31, 2021, is Memorial Day, a bank holiday. As a result, electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments may be delayed by one business day. Providers that receive EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, June 7, 2021.

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 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0001A and 0002A Are Now Benefits," which was posted on the TMHP website on December 14, 2020.

Effective May 10, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's issuance of updated age restrictions for the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, coverage of vaccine administration procedure codes 0001A and 0002A is expanded for Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for individuals who are 12 years of age and older. Vaccine procedure code 91300 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

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**3 (06/11/2021 through 07/02/2021) \*\*\*\*\*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 June 30, 2021.

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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**4 (06/04/21 through 06/25/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met on April 23, 2021, to make recommendations for Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and the preferred drug list.

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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**5 (06/04/21 through 06/25/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, pegfilgrastim-apgf (Nyvepria) (procedure code Q5122) is a benefit of 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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**6 (06/04/21 through 06/25/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective June 1, 2021, claims for fee-for-service (FFS) nonemergency medical transportation services (NEMT) will now be processed and paid by TMHP statewide.

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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**7 (05/28/21 through 06/18/21) \*\*\*\*\*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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**8 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, diagnosis code N319 will be added as a payable diagnosis for Onabotulinum Toxin A (procedure code J0585).

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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**9 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On June 1, 2021, hospitals will receive access to their state fiscal year 2020 Potentially Preventable Readmissions and Potentially Preventable Complications hospital-level PDF reports and underlying Excel data files.

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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**10 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Gynecological, Obstetrics, and Family Planning Title XIX Services Handbook, section 4.1, "Services, Benefits, Limitations, and Prior Authorization," and Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook, section 9.2.7.3, "Anesthesia for Labor and Delivery."

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

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**11 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, ferric derisomaltose (procedure code J1437) is a benefit of 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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**12 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 1, 2021, TMHP will implement the second quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after July 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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**13 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will revise the clinical prior authorization criteria guides for enzymes on June 30, 2021, in accordance with the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration changes. HHSC will revise the references for these documents accordingly.

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

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**14 (05/28/21 through 06/18/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, COVID-19 testing procedure code 87636 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](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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**15 (04/28/21 through 06/18/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for some procedure codes for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will be implemented.

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 1-800-568-2413.

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**16 (05/21/21 through 06/11/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

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

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**17 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services (CSHCN) Program Provider Manual section 14.2.3.5, "Radiographs or Diagnostic Imaging," and 14.2.6.7 "Prosthodontics (Removable) and Maxillofacial Prosthetics."

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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**18 (06/04/21 through 06/25/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide will be updated. Under the column titled "Developmental and Autism Screening," the screening tool Survey of Well-being of Young Children will be added, and under the column titled "Mental Health Screening," the screening tool Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services will be added.

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

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**19 (05/14/21 through 06/04/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective July 1, 2021, TMHP will update the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, section 4.2.3.7, "Diagnostic Services," and 4.2.18, "Prosthodontic (Removable) Services."

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 (06/04/21 through 06/25/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and HTW Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "Telemedicine (Physician Delivered) and Telehealth (Non-Physician Delivered) Extended Through May 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on April 30, 2021.

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through June 30, 2021.

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

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**21 (05/28/21 through 06/18/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CHIP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

This is an update to the article titled "CHIP Copayments Waived Through May 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on April 29, 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 June 30, 2021. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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