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## Banner Messages for the 08-23-2021 and 08-27-2021 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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### 1 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

There is an update to the article titled "Change in Texas Pharmacy Prior Authorization Call Center Fax Number" published on this website on July 22, 2021. The update is that the original fax number is now fully operational.

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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### 2 (08/27/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\*

The Texas Drug Utilization Review Board met on Friday, July 23, 2021, to recommend Medicaid clinical prior authorizations and drugs for the preferred drug list.

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

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**3 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, intraoperative neurophysiology monitoring (procedure codes 95940 and 95941) can be reimbursed when submitted with evoked potential test procedure code 92653.

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

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**4 (08/27/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 13, 2021, providers can access a clinician-administered drug (CAD) claims document that will provide the national drug code (NDC) requirements and other topics using the TMHP Learning Management System (LMS).

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

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**5 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, and September 1, 2021, reimbursement rate changes and updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on May 25, 2021, 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 Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**6 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2021, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 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 the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 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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**7 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, reimbursement rate updates for Prostate Surgeries procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on May 25, 2021, 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 Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**8 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\*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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**9 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, benefit criteria will change for prostate procedures for benign prostatic hyperplasia.

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 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, benefit language will be updated for inpatient psychiatric 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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**11 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to the article titled "Vision Services-Nonsurgical Benefits to Change Effective September 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website on July 16, 2021.

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

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**12 (07/30/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers \*\*\*\*\***

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through August 31, 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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**13 (07/26/21 through 08/30/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for autism services procedure codes will be updated 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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**14 (07/23/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2021, total disc arthroplasty (cervical) will be a benefit 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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**15 (07/23/21 through 08/30/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2021, procedure code 81229 for cytogenetic constitutional microarray analysis, also called genomic or chromosomal microarray, will become a benefit of Texas Medicaid for laboratory providers.

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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**16 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2021, TMHP will implement the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) changes effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021. The update includes the Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code changes and the Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) surgical procedure code changes.

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

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**17 (08/20/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, COVID-19 testing procedure code 87637 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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**18 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Service Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, the Public Health Enrollment exemptions for the submission of proof of fingerprinting and undergoing pre-enrollment and post-enrollment site visits expire.

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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**19 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2021, a new taxonomy code will be added for physicians providing epilepsy services for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program. Additionally, the taxonomy crosswalk has been updated to allow home health services providers to utilize additional taxonomy codes for related 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**20 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 1, 2021, providers will no longer be required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPI) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPIs will be removed from prior authorization forms, claim forms, and instructions.

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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**21 (08/13/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is in the process of rolling out the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS). Providers must use this new system to enroll.

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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**22 (08/13/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 1, 2021, providers will no longer be required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPI) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. In addition, the TPIs will be removed from prior authorization forms, claim forms and instructions.

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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**23 (07/30/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Coming Soon: Effective September 1, 2021, the Texas Provider Identifier number will be removed from prior authorization forms and instructions, and claim forms that currently contain this identifier.

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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**24 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 1, 2021, procedure codes 64486, 64487, 64488, and 64489 (for transversus abdominis plane block services) will become benefits for providers who render surgery and ambulatory surgical center services to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program clients in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting.

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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**25 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, intraoperative neurophysiology monitoring (procedure codes 95940 and 95941) can be reimbursed when submitted with evoked potential test procedure code 92653.

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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**26 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On October 1, 2021, TMHP will implement the third quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, revisions, and discontinuations, which will be effective for dates of service on or after October 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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**27 (08/13/21 through 09/03/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

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

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

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**28 (08/06/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program reimbursement for previously identified telemedicine and telehealth services has been extended for dates of service through August 31, 2021, unless the federal public health emergency ends sooner.

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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**29 (08/06/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Texas Health Steps Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide will be updated. Under the column titled "Immunizations Administered," the Ebola virus vaccine procedure code 90758 will be added.

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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**30 (07/26/21 through 08/30/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and Family Planning Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through August 31, 2021. 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](#)]

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

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**31 (08/06/21 through 08/27/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CHIP Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled, "CHIP Copayments Waived Through July 31, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on June 28, 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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**32 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2021: For reimbursement of Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), Speech Therapy (ST), and Audiology services through the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program, the name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the prescribing and/or referring licensed physician or other eligible prescribing and/or referring provider must be listed on the claim and kept in the medical record.

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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**33 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Note: Implementation is pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is requesting an October 1, 2021 effective date. In the event of delayed CMS approval, HHSC will issue an updated notice to SHARS providers with additional information.

Additional School Health and Related Services (SHARS) provisions may be provided to children eligible to receive audiology evaluation and management services under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S. Code Section 794) mandated by Texas Education Code §38.033 (2019; 86(R) H.B. 706), as approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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

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**34 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, School Health and Related Services 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.