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## Banner Messages for the 09-06-2021 and 09-10-2021 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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas providers rendering services to evacuees from Louisiana due to Hurricane Ida may complete the Hurricane Emergency Expedited Application with Louisiana Medicaid to receive reimbursement for services rendered to Louisiana Medicaid clients.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments could be delayed by one business day due to a payment processing issue that has been resolved at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Providers receiving EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, August 30, 2021, at the latest.

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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### **3 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0003A

(Pfizer-BioNTech) and 0013A (Moderna) are now benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for an additional dose for certain immunocompromised individuals.

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

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**4 (09/03/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Monday, September 6, 2021, is Labor 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, September 13, 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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**5 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from prior authorization forms, instructions, and consent forms.

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

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**6 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 1, 2021, Medicaid will expand coverage of the hepatitis C virus clinical prior authorization criteria to include all metavir fibrosis scores.

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 (08/27/21 through 09/17/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, hospitals enrolled in Texas Medicaid can be reimbursed for inpatient and outpatient maternal services only if the hospitals have received a maternal level of care designation from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in accordance with 25 Texas Administrative Code §§133.201-133.210. The maternal level of care designation applies to Texas Medicaid and Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through September 30, 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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**9 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As part of the continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will waive Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) co-payments through September 30, 2021. HHSC will provide more information if there are changes. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) 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.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through September 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**12 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, system changes are coming, and all prior authorization forms are being updated.

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 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2021, reimbursement rate updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on July 12, 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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**14 (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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**15 (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](#)]

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

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**16 (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](#)]

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

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**17 (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](#)]

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

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**18 (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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**19 (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](#)]

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

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**20 (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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**21 (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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**22 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "Reminder: TPI Number to be Removed From Prior Authorization Forms, Claim Forms and Instructions, Effective September 1, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on August 16, 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**23 (09/06/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from claim forms, electronic data interchange (EDI) 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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**24 (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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**25 (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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**26 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program authorization forms, prior authorization forms, miscellaneous forms, and form instructions.

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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**27 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*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](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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

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**28 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*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 September 30, 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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**29 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*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 September 30, 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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**30 (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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**31 (08/20/21 through 09/10/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

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

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**32 (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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**33 (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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**34 (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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**35 (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.