
Banner Messages for the 10-04-21 and 10-08-2021 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 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers*****

Effective November 1, 2021, there will be a change to claims submitted to TMHP for mental health targeted case management (MHTCM) and mental health rehabilitation (MHR) services provided to STAR and STAR+PLUS clients in the Dallas service area. This change applies to claims submitted by local mental health authorities (LMHAs), local behavioral health authorities (LBHAs), and private providers of these services. These claims will be forwarded to the client's Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) for payment.

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

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

2 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) *****Attention All Medicaid Providers *****

The COVID-19 flexibility for the Waiver Extension for Durable Medical Equipment Certification and Receipt Form under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) has been extended through October 31, 2021, unless the public health emergency ends sooner.

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

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) invites members of the public to submit comments on the list of Medicaid home and community-based services settings identified for heightened scrutiny review.

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

4 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Program Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is hosting a three-part Texas Medicaid Autism Services Policy webinar series.

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 (10/08/21 through 10/29/21) ***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. [[link](#)]

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

6 (10/08/21 through 10/29/21) ***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 October 31, 2021, unless the public health emergency ends sooner. 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. [[link](#)]

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

7 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly meeting of the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board on October 22, 2021 will be virtual, but this meeting offers the option of attending in person.

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.

8 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through December 31, 2021. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is extending this flexibility through December 31, 2021 because it includes teleservices that are being analyzed in alignment with House Bill 4.

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

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through December 31, 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.

10 (10/08/21 through 10/29/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will revise the Alinia (nitazoxanide) clinical prior authorization criteria on November 23, 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

11 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective August 19, 2021, for dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, the reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes 0003A and 0013A will be updated for Texas Medicaid, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), and the Family Planning 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 1-800-568-2413.

12 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective September 1, 2021, the outpatient ratio of cost to charge (RCC) will be increased for rural hospitals.

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 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria will change for chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) t-cell therapy 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.

14 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) will change from 68.01 percent to 67.00 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 October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (EFMAP) will change from 77.61 percent to 76.90 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

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

15 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid Procedure Codes Effective January 1, 2021 and September 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website on August 13, 2021. The article listed incorrect reimbursement rates for some procedure codes in the tables titled Nonclinical Laboratory and Nonclinical Laboratory - Rural Hospitals.

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 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The standard dollar amounts (SDAs) for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2021, are now available for hospitals, including some children's and rural hospitals.

The SDAs can be found on the Texas Medicaid Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement webpage.

Claims submitted with discharge dates on or after September 1, 2021, that were reimbursed at the previous rates will be reprocessed at a later date.

17 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

On September 23, 2021, the reimbursement rates for monoclonal antibody infusion procedure codes for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program were implemented for dates of service on or after May 6, 2021, May 26, 2021, and July 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

18 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has directed the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) to move forward with processing new and initial prior authorization requests, including recertification requests, by relaxing document submission timeframes for providers that cannot provide certain required documentation during the COVID-19 emergency.

This direction will remain in effect through October 31, 2021. This guidance applies to all Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program services requiring prior authorization.

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.

19 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has updated the printable version of the Enrollment Application for Individuals.

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.

20 (10/08/21 through 10/29/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective October 1, 2021, the fourth quarter 2021 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP 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.

21 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has updated the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season schedule to end the interseasonal RSV season on September 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.

22 (10/08/21 through 10/29/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On September 21, 2021, TMHP implemented 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.

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.

23 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The TMHP Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) video series is now available.

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.

24 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership's (TMHP) Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) is coming soon.

Provider enrollment functions will be available through PEMS, and providers must use the new system to enroll in 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

25 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

On August 24, 2021, for dates of service on or after June 8, 2021, the reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure code M0201 were 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 1-800-568-2413.

26 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The updated Client Eligibility computer-based training is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

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.

27 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

"The Benefits of PEMS" instructional video is available for viewing.

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.

28 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The recent summer resurgence in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activities in Texas resulted in the Texas Health and Human Service Commission's (HHSC) decision to gradually open all Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regions, allowing all members who meet prior authorization criteria to receive monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

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

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

29 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) *** Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Beginning October 1, 2021, completion of a new prior authorization form for treatment with Synagis (palivizumab) will be required for all children. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

monitors respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity year-round in its 11 Public Health regions and reports data on its website. This data is followed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the RSV Task Force of practicing physicians from around the state. As a result of the recent summertime resurgence in RSV activity, HHSC began opening DSHS regions gradually from June 21 through July 23, 2021. With the traditional 2021-22 RSV season approaching, all Texas DSHS regions will remain open, and all children who meet prior authorization criteria will be eligible for up to 5 monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

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

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

30 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, benefit and prior authorization criteria will change for medical nutritional products for 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-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

31 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers*******

There is an update to an article titled "SHARS Updates to Audiology Services Under Section 504 Plan," which was published August 13, 2021.

The implementation date of October 1, 2021, has not been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will notify School Health and Related Services (SHARS) providers upon CMS approval.

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

32 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) ***Attention SHARS Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "SHARS Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid October 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website August 13, 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.

33 (10/01/21 through 10/22/21) ***Attention All Vendor Drug Program Providers*******

Pharmacies should verify that their enrollment information is correct and maintained in PEMS for the Texas Vendor Drug Program.

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

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