
Banner Messages for the 11-22-21 and 11-26-2021 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 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 20, 2021, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amendments to the Emergency Use Authorizations, COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes 0034A and 0064A are benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, the Family Planning Program, 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.

2 (11/19/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Thursday, November 25, 2021, is Thanksgiving Day, which is 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 to receive funds by Monday, November 29, 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.

3 (11/19/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Effective January 1, 2022, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, TMHP will apply the 2022 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System additions, changes, and deletions. Deleted procedure codes will no longer be benefits of Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

The information will be available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com on January 1, 2022.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

4 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***Attention All Providers*******

Starting November 9, 2021, for dates of service on or after October 20, 2021, the reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes 0034A and 0064A were implemented for Medicaid, the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), and the Family Planning Program (FPP).

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

5 (11/19/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to an article titled "Register Now for Texas Medicaid Autism Services Policy Webinars," which was published 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.

6 (11/19/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Starting November 9, 2021, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021, reimbursement rates for drug procedure codes will be implemented 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.

7 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual (TMPPM) will be updated with the Autism Services Policy language on February 1, 2022. Autism Services is a covered service of the Texas Health Steps - Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP) for Texas Medicaid recipients who are 20 years of age or younger and meet the criteria outlined in the Medicaid Autism Services Policy.

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 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria will change for monoclonal antibody 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.

9 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid is conducting a utilization review of inpatient claims with dates of service from September 29, 2019, through August 25, 2021, to determine whether the claims were paid outside the spell-of-illness limitation, which is 30 days of inpatient hospital care.

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 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

On January 3, 2022, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will remove the specialist requirement from clinical prior authorization criteria.

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 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

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

12 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***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 January 31, 2022, unless the public health emergency ends sooner. HHSC will provide updated information if changes occur. 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.

13 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) wants input from Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) program providers and Financial Management Service Agencies (FMSAs) about the TMHP EVV Portal and related training material.

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 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will publish an update to the Texas Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) on Monday, November 15, 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.

15 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

There is an update to an article titled "Update to TMPPM Outpatient Drug Services Handbook Effective November 1, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on October 8, 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.

16 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, to align more closely with the intent and scope of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program, some provider types and provider specialties will no longer be eligible to enroll as HTW providers and will no longer be reimbursed because the services they provide are not covered under the HTW 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.

17 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The quarterly Texas National Drug Codes (NDC) to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk is now available for clinician-administered drug (CAD) processing.

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 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of discharge on or after October 1, 2021, Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will map the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) system to version 39 and process inpatient claims, using Grouper version 38 logic and relative weights.

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 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

The standard dollar amounts (SDAs) for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2021, are now available for hospitals with the updated universal mean effective October 1, 2021. The SDAs can be found on the Texas Medicaid Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement webpage.

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

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

20 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

Effective for dates of discharge on or after October 1, 2021, the universal mean used in outlier calculations for inpatient stays under Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program has changed. The new universal mean is \$10,161.08.

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 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid Providers*******

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 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 December 31, 2021. Beginning with dates of service January 1, 2022 and after, all pre-COVID prior authorization timeframe and submission requirements will resume as outlined in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual. COVID flexibilities will no longer apply after 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.

22 (11/19/21 through 12/10/12) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

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

Provider enrollment functions will be available through PEMS, and providers must use this new system to enroll in Texas Medicaid and other state health-care programs.

PEMS training materials and informational videos are 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.

23 (11/19/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after October 29, 2021, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, vaccine administration procedure codes 0071A and 0072A are benefits of Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for individuals 5 through 11 years of age. Vaccine procedure code 91307 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

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 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Starting November 9, 2021, for dates of service on or after October 29, 2021, the reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes 0071A and 0072A will be implemented for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

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.

25 (11/19/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

TMHP has scheduled an extended system maintenance outage beginning Friday, December 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 12, 2021.

All web-based applications and functions are unavailable during a system maintenance outage.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

26 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective November 12, 2021, the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has added Type of Assistance and Description to the Medicaid Client Portal - Client Eligibility display.

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 (11/12/21 through 12/10/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

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 this new system to enroll in Texas Medicaid. Transition period timeframes and implementation dates have been determined. During the transition period of December 1, 2021 through December 12, 2021, paper or electronic enrollment applications, fax requests, paper or electronic maintenance requests, or requests submitted through Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP) or Provider Information Management System (PIMS) should not be submitted, because they will not be accepted. The last day to submit any of the above items is November 30, 2021.

Details on the new system, and timeframes for transitioning into the system 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 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***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 and paper prior authorization requests or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from claim forms, electronic data interchange (EDI) forms, and instructions. Providers must stop using TPIs by December 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 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

29 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is hosting a Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) provider webinar.

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.

30 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective February 28, 2022, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is ending the flexibility that extended revalidation dates due to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

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.

31 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

Effective for dates of service on or after September 16, 2021, diagnosis code Z20822, indicating possible exposure to COVID-19, will be added as a payable diagnosis for procedure codes M0245 and M0246 for monoclonal antibody therapy administration.

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.

32 (11/26/21 through 12/17/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers *******

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

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

33 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***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 and 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. Providers must stop using TPIs by December 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.

34 (11/12/21 through 12/03/21) ***Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers*******

There is an update to the article titled "Guidance for Providers Regarding New and initial Prior Authorizations," published September 30, 2021 on this 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.

35 (11/05/21 through 11/26/21) ***Attention All VDP Providers*******

Since April 1, 2021, Vendor Drug Program pharmacy enrollment operations have been conducted through the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS). PEMS is the single tool for enrollment, reenrollment, revalidation, change of ownership, and maintenance requests (maintaining/updating provider enrollment record information).

Pharmacies should follow the detailed instructions for change of ownership for the Texas Vendor Drug 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.