



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
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COVID-19 Medicaid and CHIP Flexibility Extensions

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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

CMS did not give the 60-day advance notice of the end of the PHE on November 12th.

- Notices were posted to the TMHP and HHSC websites recently about monthly COVID extensions.
 - HHSC updated many notices with flexibility dates that were set to expire November 30, 2022, and extended them through January 31, 2023.



Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

Information on the flexibilities and extensions can be found on the following webpages:

- TMHP Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information (<http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-HOME.aspx>).
- HHS Provider (PL) and Information (IL) letters (<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers>).
- HHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Provider Information (<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/medicaid-chip->)



Update to COVID-19 Accommodations for the Member Appeals Process for Medicaid and CHIP

- HHSC has been allowing managed care members additional time beyond the required 60 days to request an appeal. Members have had 90 days to request an appeal.
- HHSC is ending the additional 30 days a member has to request an appeal on January 31, 2023.
- For services provided up until January 31, 2023, MCOs should continue to allow the additional 30 days to request appeal.
- For services provided February 1, 2023, and ongoing, the normal policy of allowing 60 days to request an appeal will apply.
- MCOs will notify all members about this change.





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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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Medical Benefits Policy

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Code 0044A Is Now a Benefit

Notice Published to TMHP website 11/7/22

- Effective for dates of service on or after October 19, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amended emergency use authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0044A is now a benefit of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for the administration of the Novavax booster dose to individuals 18 years of age or older.
- Vaccine procedure code 91304 will continue to be informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Code 0044A Is Now a Benefit

- Procedure code 0044A is a Medicaid, HTW, and FPP benefit for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Physician, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs
Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Code 0044A Is Now a Benefit

- Procedure code 0044A is a CSHCN Services Program benefit for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Pharmacist, FQHCs, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), RHCs, Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, CCP Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs
Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Code 0044A Is Now a Benefit

- As of October 19, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0044A for individuals 18 years of age or older.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0144A and 0154A Are Now Benefits; Age Range Updated for Procedure Code 0134A

Notice published to TMHP website 10/31/22

- Effective for dates of service on or after October 12, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0144A and 0154A are benefits of Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.
- The procedure codes are benefits for the administration of the Omicron-specific, bivalent booster dose of the following:
 - Moderna (0144A) COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 6 years through 11 years of age
 - Pfizer-BioNTech (0154A) COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 5 years through 11 years of age
- Vaccine procedure codes 91314 and 91315 are informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0144A and 0154A Are Now Benefits; Age Range Updated for Procedure Code 0134A

- Procedure codes 0144A and 0154A are Medicaid benefits for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Physician, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs
Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0144A and 0154A Are Now Benefits; Age Range Updated for Procedure Code 0134A

- Procedure codes 0144A and 0154A are CSHCN Services Program benefits for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Pharmacist, FQHCs, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), RHCs, Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, CCP Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs
Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0144A and 0154A Are Now Benefits; Age Range Updated for Procedure Code 0134A

- As of October 12, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure codes 0144A or 0154A for individuals 6 years through 11 years of age and for individuals 5 years through 11 years of age, respectively.



Procedure Code 0134A Age Range Update

- Effective for dates of service on or after October 12, 2022, the age range for COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0134A has changed from 18 years of age or older to 12 years of age or older.
- This procedure code is a benefit of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, the Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program for the administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Omicron-specific, bivalent booster dose to individuals 12 years of age or older.



Procedure Code 0134A Age Range Update

- As a reminder, vaccine procedure code 91313 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.
- As of October 12, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0134A for individuals 12 years of age or older.
- Affected claims submitted for clients 12 years of age or older with dates of service from October 12, 2022, through October 20, 2022, will be reprocessed. When the claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status Reports.





COVID-19 Vaccine Update

For more information, call:

- The TMHP Contact Center at **800-925-9126** or
- The TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at **800-568-2413**.



COVID-19 Response

Communication Channels

Clients

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- Health plan channels and providers

Providers

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- [COVID section on TMHP site](#)
- Health plan channels

+ Update calls

Submit questions to:
Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhs.texas.gov



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Thank You!

**Next update:
January 5, 2023**