Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

Medicaid and CHIP Services
June 2, 2022
Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities
COVID-19 Updates

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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

Notices were posted to the TMHP and HHSC websites last week about monthly COVID extensions.

• HHSC updated many notices with flexibilities dates that expire May 31, 2022, to extend through June 30, 2022.
  • This is the same process we do each month as we extend many flexibilities one month at a time.
Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

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• **Reminder:** Some flexibilities extended to the end of the federal PHE last month.
  • Providers were notified that these flexibilities will end when the federal PHE ends.
  • This was discussed during the last webinar, which is available on the HHSC website if you missed it.
Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

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


• HHS Provider (PL) and Information (IL) letters (https://www.hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers).

COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma

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COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma

COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Is a Benefit Effective December 28, 2021

• Notice Posted to TMHP website on 4/27/22.
• Effective April 1, 2022, COVID-19 convalescent plasma procedure code C9507 is a benefit of Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for dates of service on or after December 28, 2021, as follows.

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• Emergency use authorization (EUA) for COVID-19 convalescent plasma is for the treatment of hospitalized patients (inpatient or outpatient) with impaired immunity.

• Procedure code C9507 is a benefit for clients of all ages, including pregnant women and children who meet EUA criteria.

Note: Prior authorization is not required for procedure code C9507.
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• Providers should follow the National Institutes of Health COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines for convalescent plasma, which can be found on the following webpage: NIH COVID convalescent plasma guidelines

• Documentation of medical necessity and impaired immunity must be maintained in the client’s medical record for each unit infused.

• Services may be subject to retrospective review.

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

Submit questions to: Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhs.texas.gov
Thank You!

Next update:
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