



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
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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 Sept. 30, 2022, to extend through Oct. 30, 2022.
- This is the same process we do each month.



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->)



Prohibition of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Vaccine, Treatment, and Testing Services (1 of 4)

- To align with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), CHIP MCOs must cover services for COVID-19, including:
 - Vaccines,
 - Testing,
 - treatment of COVID-19, *including preventative therapies and --Treatment of post-COVID conditions (long-haul COVID-19) and,*
 - During the period when a beneficiary is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID- 19, treatment of health conditions that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID-19.



Prohibition of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Vaccine, Treatment, and Testing Services (2 of 4)

- ARPA also prohibits any financial requirement or treatment limitation to COVID-19 related vaccine, testing, and treatment services and treatment of health conditions that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID-19 during the period when a beneficiary is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID-19 in any classification.
- CHIP providers are prohibited from collecting co-payments for COVID-19 related vaccines (and administration), testing, and treatment and treatment of health conditions that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID-19 during the period when a beneficiary is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID-19.



Prohibition of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Vaccine, Treatment, and Testing Services (3 of 4)

- This waiver is subject to the public health emergency, and HHSC will provide further guidance before the reinstatement of copayments.
- Beginning December 21, 2022, all CHIP providers, including pharmacies must cease collecting a copayment for COVID-19 vaccines, at-home test kits, and treatments.



Prohibition of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Vaccine, Treatment, and Testing Services (4 of 4)

- CHIP health plans must take certain actions to prohibit these co-pays for dates of service on and after December 21, 2022:
 - Issue provider guidance prohibiting providers from collecting copays for the COVID-19 related things I mentioned a moment ago.
 - Implement any necessary system changes to ensure providers receive the full rate of reimbursement for these CHIP services
 - Notify members of the copay prohibitions for COVID-19 related vaccine, testing, and treatment services.





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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0041A and 0042A Age Range Has Changed to 12 Years of Age or Older (1 of 3)

Notice Posted 9/13/22 to TMHP Website.

- This is an update to the article titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0041A and 0042A Are Now Benefits" that was published on August 3, 2022.
- Effective for dates of service on or after August 19, 2022, the age range for COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0041A and 0042A has changed from 18 years of age or older to 12 years of age or older.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0041A and 0042A Age Range Has Changed to 12 Years of Age or Older (2 of 3)

- These procedure codes are benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women, the Family Planning Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program for the administration of the first and second dose of the primary series of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12 years of age or older.
- Affected claims submitted for clients 12 years of age or older with dates of service from August 19, 2022, through August 29, 2022, and procedure code 0041A or 0042A will be reprocessed.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0041A and 0042A Age Range Has Changed to 12 Years of Age or Older (3 of 3)

- Vaccine procedure code 91304 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.
- As of August 19, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure codes 0041A or 0042A for individuals 12 years of age or older.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0124A, & 0134A Are Now Benefits for Medicaid & CHIP (1 of 4)

Notice posted 9/23/22 to TMHP website.

- Effective for dates of service on or after August 31, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0124A and 0134A are benefits 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 following:
 - Pfizer COVID-19 Omicron-specific booster vaccine to individuals 12 years of age or older
 - Moderna COVID-19 Omicron-specific booster vaccine to individuals 18 years of age or older.
- Vaccine procedure codes 91312 & 91313 are informational only while the vaccines are distributed to providers free of charge.



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0124A, & 0134A Are Now Benefits for Medicaid & CHIP (2 of 4)

Procedure codes 0124A and 0134A are benefits for Medicaid, HTW, and FPP 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 0124A, & 0134A Are Now Benefits for Medicaid & CHIP (3 of 4)

Procedure codes 0124A and 0134A 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 0124A, & 0134A Are Now Benefits for Medicaid & CHIP (4 of 4)

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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:
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