



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
July 1, 2021**



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Stakeholder Session Update

- *Beginning May 6, 2021, HHSC will post pre-recorded sessions monthly.*
- *These sessions will continue to share information with stakeholders about the implementation of various Medicaid/CHIP flexibilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- *HHSC may return to weekly sessions as needed if there are changes to the public health emergency.*





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PHE Flexibilities

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Operations

PHE Flexibilities

- Waive the signature requirement for prescription drug deliveries in Medicaid and CHIP.
 - After 7/31/21 signatures may be required by the pharmacy or MCO.
- Use of Texas Medicaid Public Health Emergency (PHE) provider enrollment application.
 - After 7/31/21 providers must complete the standard application and process to enroll in Texas Medicaid.
 - Providers will have to meet all applicable Federal and State required screening, licensing, site visit, and finger-print background check as well as submit the application fee.





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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities

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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities

- Many Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through **July 31, 2021**, unless the federal Public Health Emergency ends sooner.
- HHSC will provide more information if there are changes.



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Flexibilities (cont.)

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**
(<http://apps.hhs.texas.gov/providers/communications/letters.cfm>)
- **HHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Provider Information**
(<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/medicaid-chip-services-information-providers>)



Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities (cont.)

The following flexibility is now set to end by August 31, 2021:

- Suspend managed care and fee-for-service service coordination requirements for face-to-face visits, offering telehealth or telephonic service coordination instead, when appropriate.





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COVID-19 Updates

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COVID-19 Updates

Home Health Agency Reimbursement for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0001A, 0002A, 0012A, and 0031A

- Effective for dates of service on or after May 18, 2021, home health agencies administering medical services for Texas Medicaid clients may be reimbursed for COVID-19 vaccine procedure codes 0001A, 0002A, 0012A, and 0031A.
- These providers may receive reimbursement for vaccine administration to clients who already have existing home health services or private duty nursing services, and for whom the physician has updated the care plan with orders for the COVID-19 vaccine.



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- Home health agencies may bill retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine administration provided on or after May 18, 2021.
 - Claims submitted with dates of service from May 18, 2021 – May 27, 2021, will be reprocessed.
- Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.
 - When claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.
- Resources: <https://www.tmhp.com/news/2021-06-15-home-health-agency-reimbursement-covid-19-vaccine-administration-procedure-codes>



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

Update to Procedure Code S8301 for Infection Control Supplies

- Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, procedure code S8301 for infection control supplies above and beyond normal protocol can be billed by THSteps-CCP personal care services (PCS) providers in the home setting.
- Affected claims submitted with dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, may be reprocessed.
 - When the claims are reprocessed, providers may receive additional payment, which will be reflected on Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

Update to Procedure Code S8301 for Infection Control Supplies

- For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at **800-925-9126**.
- Resources: <https://www.tmhp.com/news/2021-06-09-update-procedure-code-s8301-infection-control-supplies>



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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**Next update:
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