



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
September 2, 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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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities

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MCS Policy and Program

Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities

- Many Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through **September 30, 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>)



COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0003A and 0013A Are Now Benefits

- Effective for dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0003A (Pfizer-BioNTech) and 0013A (Moderna) are now benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for an additional dose for certain immunocompromised individuals.



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- An additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and should be administered at least 28 days after the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- Procedure code 0003A is a benefit for individuals who are 12 years of age or older.
- Procedure code 0013A is a benefit for individuals who are 18 years of age or older.



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- Procedure codes 0003A and 0013A are Medicaid and HTW 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 Healthcare Centers (FQHC), Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, CCP Provider



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- Procedure codes 0003A and 0013A are Medicaid and HTW benefits for the following providers and places of service:

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



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- Procedure codes 0003A and 0013A are CSHCN Services Program benefits for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	PA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician, Pharmacist, CCP Provider, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Pharmacy
Home	PA, APRN, Physician, CCP Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, Hospital Providers
Other Locations	PA, APRN, Physician, CCP Provider



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- Affected claims with dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, will be reprocessed, and providers may receive additional payment.
 - Additional payments will be reflected on future Remittance and Status (R&S) Reports.
 - Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.



COVID-19 Updates (cont.)

- **Providers interested in enrolling as a COVID-19 vaccinator should visit:**
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx>.
- **For more information call:**
 - TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126
 - TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.
- **Resources:** <https://www.tmhp.com/news/2021-08-24-covid-19-vaccine-administration-procedure-codes-0003a-and-0013a-are-now-benefits>





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LTCR Updates

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LTCR Policy, Rules & Training

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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