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^{1.} Status should be represented as "Baseline" for initial issuances and "Revision" for changes to the Baseline version.

^{2.} Revisions should be numbered according to the version of the issuance and sequential numbering of the revision—e.g., "2.2" refers to the first version of the document and the second revision.

^{3.} Brief description of the changes to the document made in the revision.



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Introduction

This document is a tool for Medicaid/CHIP Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to receive answers to their questions about eligibility and enrollment issues related to Medicaid/CHIP Managed Care.

It is our hope that by providing the MCOs with up to date contact information, and providing examples of the type of inquiries different departments resolve, the plans will receive faster and more accurate responses to inquiries.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this document or suggestions for additional inquiry topics that should be included please send an email to ManagedCareEligibilityEnrollment@hhsc.state.tx.us with a carbon copy to Kristin Smith at Kristin.Smith@hhs.texas.gov. This mailbox is monitored during regular business hours.

Section 1.0 Introduction to the Health Plan Inquiry (HPI) Form

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) consists of multiple components working together to determine eligibility and enrollment in order to deliver services to Texas Medicaid and CHIP recipients. Routine inquiries from MCOs should be submitted via the Health Plan Inquiry (HPI) form located in Chapter 16.6.1. Understanding the different roles in the eligibility and enrollment departments will allow for submissions to the correct department and quicker responses from HHSC.

When the MCO submits an HPI form to HHSC eligibility department, the member's eligibility will be evaluated for accuracy of information and eligibility. If eligibility staff determines the member was not eligible for Medicaid, they will reply directly to the Medical or Dental plan.

If the member is eligible for Medicaid/CHIP and/or if any eligibility segment has been adjusted or corrected, eligibility staff will forward the HPI form along with eligibility findings to enrollment staff to update and/or review managed care enrollment. If eligibility segments have not been adjusted or corrected, eligibility staff will send the inquiry back to the plan indicating no changes or forward to enrollment department if managed care does not match plan expectations.

• **<u>Eligibility-</u>** When an application is submitted, eligibility staff gather necessary information (including demographical) to determine if the individual is eligible for any type of program. If eligible, they will determine the effective date for eligibility.



- **Enrollment Broker-** The type of Medicaid program, effective eligibility dates, and certain demographics are sent to the Enrollment Broker by eligibility staff to determine what type of Medicaid or CHIP managed care services may be delivered. There are two types of Medicaid coverage:
 - Fee for Service (FFS) is also known as traditional Medicaid. Most Medicaid members may be in FFS immediately after initial certification or following a gap in Medicaid eligibility. The type of program will determine if the member is a candidate for managed care or should remain in FFS. Note: CHIP members are never eligible for FFS.
 - Managed care- Upon certification, eligibility files will identify a managed care candidate based on the type of program. There are two modules for managed care Dental Maintenance Organization (DMO) or Managed Care Organization (MCO).
 - The eligibility type of assistance and the county of residence will determine which managed care model a candidate will participate in. The managed care models are STAR, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS and STAR Health. The county of residence will also determine which plans are available within each service area..
 - Children's Medicaid Dental Services (CMDS) provide dental care for Medicaid individual's age 0-20. Two DMO Plans are available, DentaQuest, and MCNA Dental. The DMO service area is statewide.
 - Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) CHIP members should always be enrolled in CHIP Medical and Dental plans.

Medicaid and CHIP families must report required changes directly to HHSC, such as changes of addresses. As the system of record, eligibility staff must confirm and verify changes based on information reported by a person with case authority. Members can report changes in any of the following manners:

- through the Self-Service Portal, <u>www.yourtexasbenefits.com</u>;
- in person at a local office
- by telephone by calling call 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905
- by faxing to 1-877-447-2839
- by mail to HHSC, PO Box 149024, Austin TX 78714-9968
- Your Texas Benefits mobile application

When the MCO submits an HPI form to HHSC enrollment department, the member's enrollment will be evaluated for accuracy based on the eligibility. If enrollment staff determines the member's enrollment is incorrect, enrollment staff will make the necessary changes and the HPI form will be returned to the Plan with the documentation in Section 3 of the HPI form. If a change is needed in eligibility, the



HPI form will be sent to the eligibility department for assistance and the MCO will be notified.

Section 1.1-Submitting a Health Plan Inquiry Form

MCOs may have a question concerning eligibility *and* enrollment segments for a specific member. In an effort to ensure the correct information is provided, they should use the Medicaid/CHIP Health Plan Inquiry Form template to ensure sufficient information is provided and document the reason for the inquiry.

 To protect confidentiality of Medicaid/CHIP eligibility data, HHSC will only accept inquiries from those designated as authorized MCO/Dental Plan representatives.

The following recommendations should be followed to ensure the inquiry is routed appropriately:

- 1. Only include one HPI form per email, multiple forms should not be attached to one email.
- Complete Section 1 of the HPI form (See Figure 1). To increase the accuracy, the comments section should contain the reason for the submission and MCOs expected outcome.
- 3. Send the completed HPI form as an attachment securely via an **encrypted** email to the address as designated in Section 1.1a of this document.
- 4. The email should include the following statement in the subject line: Health Plan Inquiry Form

Section 1.2 Escalation Procedure

Data integrity and AES eligibility Escalations

If the MCO does not receive a response within 5 business days, the plan may escalate by emailing OESCCCIC@hhsc.state.tx.us for Medicaid related inquiries and ART_CHIP_COMPLAINTS@hhsc.state.tx.us for CHIP related inquiries with the subject line containing "Second Request-Health Plan Inquiry Form."

MEPD Eligibility Escalation Procedure

If the MCO does not receive a response within 10 business days, the plan may escalate by emailing OESMEPDIC@hhsc.state.tx.us with the subject line containing "Second Request-Health Plan Inquiry Form."



Enrollment Escalation Procedure

If the Medical/Dental plan does not receive a response after 10 business days, the plan may escalate by emailing to

<u>ManagedCareEligibilityEnrollment@hhsc.state.tx.us</u> with a carbon copy (CC) to Kristin Smith at <u>Kristin.Smith@hhs.texas.gov</u> and LaTrese Joes at <u>Latrese.Jones@hhs.texas.gov</u> with the subject line containing "Second Request-Health Plan Inquiry Form."

Section 1.3 HIPAA Compliance

HIPAA Compliance

All inquiries from a plan related to HIPAA compliance should be entered on the Health Plan Inquiry (HPI) form and sent **securely** via encrypted email to privacy@hhsc.state.tx.us or 1-877-378-9869.

Restrictions

HHSC will reply to the Medical/Dental plans only with information they are allowed to provide by HHSC policy. HHSC policy regarding the information allowed to be released to Medical or Dental Plans is provided in Section 1.6 of this document.



Medicaid/CHIP Health Plan Inquiry Form

	Date of Inquiry: Medic	al/Dental Plan Name:	Medi	cal/Dental Plan Code:			
	Medical/Dental Plan Contact Name:						
	E-mail Address:						
	Phone Number:						
	Medicaid Member/Candidate Na	ame:	DOB:	Date of Death:			
	Individual #: Case#						
	Managed Care Program:		TYPE OF INO	URV			
	CHIP	(check all that apply and provide co	vide comments to document issue) has no Medicaid or Medicaid ID)				
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6	Dental		Newborn managed care enrollment (has Medicaid but no enrollment) Name/Gender/Date of Birth Discrepancy/Date of Death				
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	(Maximus)						
	 Enrollment Broker Oversight 						
	(HHSC MCO Enrollment Broker)						
	Comments Section: Use to explai	n the reason for the inquiry and	the anticipate	d outcome.			
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		ction 2: Eligibility Staff					
	Date of Response:	Eligibility Reviewed 1		04			
	FINDINGS /RESULTS Eligibility was not changed or	Corrections were w	Next :	step npact to the eligibility outcome:			
	updated, as a result of this inquiry.			ntal Plan (no further action needed).			
	After review of this inquiry,		Completed the Comments Section to explain finding and forward for				
	eligibility was updated or changed	managed care to revieu	managed care to review				
	Comments Section:						
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	1						
(*)2	Note to Medicaid Eligibility Dep	artments: If there are eligi	bility change	es, please consider if managed			
	care needs to be reviewed and						

Section 3: Enrollment Staff Use Only			
Date of Response:	Enrollment Reviewed by:		
FINDINGS /RESULTS	Next Step		
Managed care was not changed or updated as a result of this inquiry.	Provide an outcome to the Health/Dental Plan (no further action needed).		
After review Enrollment was corrected retroactively / prospectively	Completed the Comments Section to explain findings and responded to the Health/Dental Plan		
Comments Section:	•		



Section 1.4 Point of Contacts

Please use the table below to direct your emails to the appropriate area that can assist you with your issue.

**All reported changes by individual members should still be reported via 2-1-1.



<u>Department</u>	Examples of Inquires That <i>Can</i> Be Addressed by Department	Examples of Inquiries That Cannot Be Addressed by Department	Where to send HPI form
Type of Issue			
Office of Eligibility Services Medicaid Eligibility	 Medicaid programs for families and children Address** County ** Name Head Of Household Authorized Representative Date of death coverage that is outstanding for more than 30 days ** SSI/TANF duals Multiple Medicaid IDs Medicaid eligibility effective dates Incarcerations Newborn issues see section below 	 Plan changes Effective dates for managed care enrollments (excludes newborns born to STAR members) Effective dates for managed care disenrollment Billing/claims Choice Enrollments System Issues related to files 	Send secure email to: OESCCCIC@hhsc.state.tx.us (Medicaid) ART_CHIP_COMPLAINTS@h hsc.state.tx.us (CHIP) Subject: Health Plan Inquiry Form
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Type of Issue			
Data Integrity	■ SSI eligible population	■ Plan changes	Send secure email to:
	 Newborn Medicaid coverage that is 	 Vendor Issues related to Enrollment Broker 	CCC Data Integrity Progra
	outstanding for more than 30 days	 System Issues related to files 	m@hhsc.state.tx.us
	Biographical changes which include: DOB,	■ Billing/claims	
	Gender, and SSN only	■ Choice Enrollments	Subject: Health Plan Inquiry Form
	 Nursing Facility Medicaid eligibility 	 System Issues related to files 	
	■ Merge/Separate		
	Medicare Buy-In Process /QI-1		
	 Medicare discrepancies 		
	Incarcerations		



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Office of Eligibility Services for Medicaid eligibility for persons with a disability (MEPD) Medicaid Eligibility	 Long Term Care Medicaid Assistance Only (MAO) and SSI related population Address** County ** Name Head of Household Authorized Representative/Alt Payee Date of death coverage that is outstanding for more than 30 days ** Multiple Medicaid IDs Medicaid eligibility effective dates 	 Plan changes Effective dates for managed care enrollments (excludes newborns born to STAR members) Effective dates for managed care disenrollment Billing/claims Choice enrollments System issues related to files 	Send secure email to: OESMEPDIC@hhsc.state.tx.us Subject: Health Plan Inquiry Form
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Enrollment Resolution Services (HHSC) Enrollment	 Effective dates for enrollments* Effective dates for disenrollment* Address was corrected but enrollment remains in the wrong service delivery area There is managed care without Medicaid eligibility Enrolled in the incorrect plan Capitation or risk group issues (may be deferred to the Premium Payable team) Dual Demo discrepancies 	■ Medicaid eligibility status ■ Reporting changes** ■ Incorrect address ■ County code error ■ Birth outcome ■ Biographical changes (i.e., DOB, gender, SSN etc)	Send secure email to: For client specific STAR+PLUS, STAR, STAR Kids, STAR Health, and dental issues ManagedCareEligibilityEnrollment @hhsc.state.tx.us Subject: Health Plan Inquiry Form and the appropriate managed care model
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Type of Issue			
Enrollment Broker (MAXIMUS) Enrollment	 PCP change questions Plan changes Enrolling in a Plan /enrollment choice issues Medical plan effective dates Missing member enrollment files Provider network issues 	■ Eligibility status ■ Reporting change** ■ Incorrect address ■ County code error ■ Birth outcome	Send secure email to: TXHealthPlanLiaison@maximus.co m With a CC to MCO Enrollment Broker@hhsc.sta te.tx.us
Departments	Examples of Inquires That <i>Can</i> Be Addressed by Department	Examples of Inquiries That <i>Cannot</i> Be Addressed by Department	Where to send HPI form
Type of Issue			



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Type of Issue			
Enrollment Broker Oversight (HHSC MCO Enrollment Broker) Systems and File related Issues	 CHIP member inquiries Enrollment Broker file layout Enrollment Broker file issues Posting and processing of Enrollment Broker files (including timeframes, corrupt files, no response file) Enrollment Broker JIP questions File related questions/issues 	Requests for reports Requests for default information	Send secure email to: MCO Enrollment Broker@hhsc.sta te.tx.us
<u>Department</u>	Examples of Inquires That <i>Can</i> Be Addressed by Department	Examples of Inquiries That Cannot Be Addressed by Department	Where to send HPI form
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Type of Issue			
Enrollment Broker Oversight (HHSC MCO Enrollment Broker)	 Checklist for MCO events Event cancellation /rescheduling Time/location changes Weekly calendar 		Send email to: MCO Enrollment Broker@hhsc.sta te.tx.us
Health Fair/Events- Issues			
<u>Department</u>	Examples of Inquires That <i>Can</i> Be Addressed by Department	Examples of Inquiries That <i>Cannot</i> Be Addressed by Department	Where to send HPI form
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Enrollment Broker Oversight (HHSC MCO Enrollment Broker)	Quarterly training of outreach staff		Send email to: Betsy Coates betsycoats@maximus.com
Outreach-Issues			With a CC to MCO Enrollment Broker@hhsc.sta te.tx.us

Section 1.5 Releasable Information

This information comes from the Texas Works Handbook, Section B 1230, "CONFIDENTIALITY",

Information for Medicaid Providers and their Contractors.



Applicant Data	 Name SSN* Social Security Claim Number (SSCN or PCN)* Date of Birth Sex 	 HHSC County Code Category Code Application Number Application Disposition Date Application Status Client Number
Client	 Name Client Number SSN* SSCN* Date of Birth Sex HHSC County Code Certification Date Claims Administrator Update Date (Ins Sub Date) Last Medical Update Date Code for Type Change in Medical Coverage Medicaid: Open Date Close Date Type Coverage Category Type Program Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Indicator, if applicable Medically Needy Indicator, if applicable Client Medical Record Case Numbers (active) 	Third-Party Resource (TPR) Policy Occurs (most recent three): Ins. Policy Number Ins. Policy Sequence Ins. Information Status Type Coverage Company Number Ins. Begin Date Ins. Begin Date Ins. End Date Ins. End Date Ins. Employer Medicare (Yes or No) THSteps Data: THSteps Decision Date Dental Treatment Date Medical Screen Date Lock-in Data (most recent six): Provider Type Provider Name Start Date Through Date
Public Assistance (PA) Case Data	 Case Number Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) Number Case Name Case Status Three Month Prior Date 	 Type Program Active Clients List: Client Number Name Date of Birth Sex

Assistance (PA) Case Data	Eligibility Determination Group	Active Clients List: Client Number Name Date of Birth Sex
	 End Date (For Medically Needy) Denial Reasons ** 	 Three Months Prior with Spend Down (not the spend down amount)

^{*} Advisors must confirm that the number given by the requestor is correct. Advisors do not release Social Security numbers.



** Only the following denial reasons can be released:

Reason
Refusal to furnish information
Failure to furnish information
Appointment not kept (application/review)
Unable to locate
Voluntary withdrawal