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To: Local Mental Health Authorities
Local Behavioral Health Authorities
Youth Empowerment Services Waiver Providers

Subject: Broadcast Message No. 19.022
Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP)
835 File/Electronic Remittance Advice Agreement

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) are committed to ensuring efficient and effective claims processing and payment for the delivery of behavioral health services. For Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver services, claims can only be monitored if the Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) accesses a weekly electronic file from TMHP known as the 835 file.

Previously, each provider was required to sign an Electronic Remittance Advice Agreement (ERA) allowing HHSC CMBHS to access the provider's 835 file from the TMHP FTP location. Starting in July (pending firm deployment date), this is no longer required. To align with current handling of 835 files for all other services, TMHP will now provide 835 files to HHSC CMBHS through a separate process. Providers whose current ERA allows HHSC CMBHS to access their 835 file must submit an updated ERA to TMHP designating another entity chosen by the provider to access the file.

Information and support for those needing to sign new ERAs will be provided by TMHP. Beginning in June, you will be contacted by phone by a TMHP representative who will offer assistance with the transition and answer any questions.

If you have questions about this broadcast, please submit via email to: YESWaiver@hhsc.state.tx.us.

If you have specific questions about your 835 file or ERA form, please contact the TMHP EDI Help Desk at 1-888-863-3638.

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Sincerely,

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