



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

Medicaid and CHIP Services
April 23, 2020



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COVID-19 Response

Where we are:

- Rapidly changing situation
- Response is iterative
- **Review what's implemented to date**

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

+ Weekly calls

Submit questions to:

Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhsc.state.tx.us



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Medicaid Updates

New COVID-19 Testing Group

- On April 16, 2020, HHSC submitted a disaster amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide coverage for individuals who:
 - Meet Medicaid citizenship or immigration status requirements;
 - Are uninsured; and
 - Do not have Medicaid, CHIP, or another form of minimum essential coverage health insurance.



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New COVID-19 Testing Group (cont.)

- The proposed amendment includes:
 - Coverage of invitro COVID-19 diagnostic testing and administration of that testing.
 - This group is 100 percent federally-funded.
 - Is effective March 18, 2020 and expires at the end of the emergency period.



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Flexibilities Extended through May

- HHSC has extended several flexibilities granted in light of COVID-19 through May.
- For specific information on what has been extended please see 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) (<http://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>).



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Texas Health Steps Medical and Dental Checkups

- HHSC is suspending managed care contractual obligations requiring MCOs and DMOs to ensure children and youth receive checkups within 90 days for new members, or 364 days for existing members.
- HHSC is suspending requirements for MCOs and DMOs to identify and provide outreach to children of migrant farmworkers.





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- Regulatory Services Update



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April 30, 2020