



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
June 18, 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



Provider Relief Fund

- The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services announced an additional distribution from the Provider Relief Fund on June 9
 - Targeted to Medicaid and CHIP providers who did not receive funds from the General Distribution
- Application deadline is July 20, 2020



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Provider Relief Fund (2)

- Instructions for the enhanced portal form and attestation can be found here:
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf>
- Frequently asked questions are available at this link:
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-general-distribution-faqs.pdf>
 - Medicaid distribution information starts on page 33



Medicaid Updates

Appendix K to 1915(c) Waiver Approvals

- HHSC received approval for Appendix K requests for each 1915(c) waiver on June 8, 2020
- Approvals for appendix K's include, but are not limited to:
 - Extensions for reassessments and reevaluations
 - Allowing for remote delivery of case management and orientations for financial management services agencies
 - Waiving HCBS settings requirements that individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time



Medicaid Updates (2)

- Approvals for appendix K's include, but are not limited to:
 - Allowing for virtual evaluation assessments and person-centered service planning meetings
 - Adjusting prior approval/authorization elements approved in the waiver
 - Allowances for HCS residence requirements, such as allowing 4-person residences to serve up to 6 people



Medicaid Updates (3)

- Approvals for appendix K's include, but are not limited to:
 - Allowing certain individuals in HCS living in a three- or four-person residence to temporarily move to an ICF/IID
 - Allowing youth in MDCCP aging out of STAR Kids to stay in STAR Kids rather than transitioning to STAR+PLUS during the public health emergency
 - Allowing suspension of interest list releases in certain situations in HCS, MDCCP, CLASS and DBMD



Stakeholder Updates

- **Regulatory Services Updates**
 - Upcoming reopening plans; webinars
 - Special Infection Control Assessment (SICA) teams
 - Ongoing: Q&A Webinars, PPE webinars through June





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Thank You!

**Next update:
June 25, 2020**