Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

Medicaid and CHIP Services
May 14, 2020
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
HRSA COVID-19
Uninsured Program

Testing Reimbursement for Providers

• On April 22, 2020, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) launched a new COVID-19 uninsured program to support reimbursement to providers and facilities for testing and treatment of the uninsured.

• The program includes testing and treatment provided on or after February 4, 2020 and began accepting claims May 6, 2020.

• Providers can learn more about the program at: https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim
Stakeholder Updates

• Regulatory Services Update
Medicaid Updates

HCS and ICF/IID Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

• HHSC is posting an updated FAQ for:
  • Home and Community-based Services Program, and
  • Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

• HCS and ICF/IID have separate sections within the FAQ and a joint section for questions pertaining to both programs.
HCS and ICF/IID Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- The document is broken down by topics, some of which include:
  - Staffing
  - Personal Protective Equipment
  - Nursing
  - Provider Rates
  - Essential Services
  - Day Habilitation
Medicaid Updates (3)

Texas Health Steps Medical Checkups via Remote Delivery

• HHSC is allowing remote delivery of certain components of medical checkups for children over 24 months during the period of social distancing due to COVID-19.

• Remote delivery may include telemedicine or telephone-only, if providers determine the modality is appropriate.
  • Audio + visual delivery is preferred over telephone-only.
Texas Health Steps Medical Checkups via Remote Delivery (cont.)

• Providers must follow up with their patients to ensure completion of any components that require an in-person visit, like immunizations and physical exams.

• Remote delivery of THSteps checkups for children birth through 24 months of age is not permitted.
Medicaid Updates (5)

Texas Health Steps Medical Checkups via Remote Delivery (cont.)

• The 3-day medical exam required for children entering DFPS conservatorship may not be delivered remotely except if the youth requires quarantine or isolation at the time of removal due to COVID-19 exposure or infection.

• For more information, please see the provider notice.
Thank You!

Next update:
May 21, 2020