



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
May 14, 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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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**



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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.





Medicaid Updates (2)

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.



Medicaid Updates (4)

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](#).





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Thank You!

**Next update:
May 21, 2020**