



# **Stakeholder Update: COVID 19**

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**Medicaid and CHIP Services  
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# Spell of Illness (1 of 2)

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- **Spell of illness amendment for COVID-related admissions**
  - A 30-day spell of illness limit on inpatient hospital stays applies to STAR+PLUS members, and fee-for-service and STAR Health members age 21 and older
  - A \$200,000 annual limit on inpatient hospital stays applies to fee-for-service and STAR Health members age 21 and older



# Spell of Illness (2 of 2)

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- **Spell of illness amendment for COVID-related admissions**
  - HHSC is allowing the following for individuals for whom the spell of illness limits apply:
    - An additional 30 inpatient hospital days for COVID-related stays
    - An allowance for reimbursement of more than \$200,000 annually for COVID-related stays





# Regulatory Updates

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- **New emergency rules:**
  - Expansion of Visitation in LTC facilities



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# COVID-19 Response

## *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

+ Update calls

Submit questions to:  
[Medicaid\\_COVID\\_Questions@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhsc.state.tx.us)



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**Next update:  
October 1, 2020**