



# Texas Health Steps

## Overview

Medicaid in Texas for individuals from birth through age 20 consists of comprehensive preventive child health services (*medical, dental and case management*).

Medically necessary health care services are provided to children and adolescents enrolled in Texas Health Steps. Visit [texasahhs.org/texashealthsteps](https://www.texashealthsteps.org). Some of these services are not available under the state's Medicaid plan to the rest of the Medicaid population. These additional services, particular to Texas Health Steps, are available through the Comprehensive Care Program (CCP).

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provider relations staff help operate Texas Health Steps statewide. Provider relations staff report to the Specialized Health and Social Services managers in each of the 8 DSHS Public Health Service Regions. To view map of DSHS public health regions, visit [dshs.texas.gov](https://www.dshs.texas.gov) and select "Public Health Region" under the "Resources" tab. These staff serve many functions, including developing relationships with providers, provider recruitment and retention, provider visits, technical assistance, contact documentation and data collection, formal provider training, expert forums and other events, provider relations activities report, and collaborating with partners.

## What if I want to become a provider?

Providers performing medical, dental and case management services who want to be eligible for reimbursement for providing Medicaid and Texas Health Steps services must enroll through the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership at [texasahhs.org/mcclaimsenrollment](https://www.texasahhs.org/mcclaimsenrollment).

The following provider types may provide Texas Health Steps preventive services within their individual scope of practice:

- Physician or physician group
- Physician assistant
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Nurse practitioner
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Rural Health Clinic
- Health care provider or facility with physician supervision
- Pediatric and general dentists

Visit [txhealthsteps.com/courses](https://www.txhealthsteps.com/courses) for Online Provider Education including free CE courses for primary care providers and other health professionals. These courses offer updated clinical, regulatory and best practice guidelines for a range of preventive health, oral health, mental health and case management topics.



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