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1. Texas Women's Health Program Changes

Background

Based on the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and System Issues released in October 2014, HHSC received direction to automatically transition new mothers who receive Medicaid for Pregnant Women to the Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) to increase access to family planning services during the postpartum period.

HHSC also received direction to change the program name, age requirements, income limits, and sterilization policy.

Current Policy

To qualify for TWHP, applicants must:

- Be female, ages 18 through 44;

- Have countable income less than or equal to the 185 percent federal poverty income limit (FPIL);
- Be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted alien who meets all eligibility requirements for Medicaid;
- Be a Texas resident;
- Not be pregnant or sterile;
- Not have creditable health insurance; and
- Not currently receive Medicaid, Medicare (Part A or B), or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits.

New Policy

Program Name

TWHP is now referred to as Healthy Texas Women (HTW). The type of assistance (TA) remains as TA 41.

Eligibility Requirements

With the exception of the following eligibility requirements, all other requirements remain unchanged.

Age

To qualify for HTW, an applicant or recipient must be age 15 through 44 years of age.

Income Limit

The FPIL used to determine HTW eligibility is 200 percent FPIL.

Health Care Eligibility

Women who are sterile may be eligible to receive HTW if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Confidentiality

HHSC must accommodate reasonable requests for an HTW recipient to receive communications by alternative means or at alternate locations (TWH W-2400). Individuals auto-enrolled into HTW may not have designated a confidential address on their case. However, the individual can use the new Form H1872, HTW Opting Out and Reporting Confidential Address to provide a confidential address.

Auto-enrollment to HTW from Medicaid for Pregnant Women

Individuals ages 18 through 44 receiving Medicaid for Pregnant Women (TP 40) are auto-enrolled in HTW the first day of the month after their TP 40 coverage terminates if the individual is not eligible for any other Medicaid programs or CHIP.

Individuals who are auto-enrolled into HTW can opt out of the program and/or report an HTW confidential address using the new Form H1872. The Form H1872 will be mailed along with the TF0001W when certified for HTW.

Individuals with an active Third Party Resource (TPR) and/or who are minors age 15 through 17 are not auto-enrolled into HTW.

Minors Applying for HTW

Individuals age 15 through 17 must have a parent or legal guardian apply, renew, and/or report changes on their behalf. Advisors must deny an application or renewal if submitted by an individual age 15 through 17 years of age, using the new denial reason, "Denied 15-17 without parent or legal guardian's signature." For minors eligible for HTW, the HTW minor's Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) is certified in the parent or legal guardian's name until the individual's 18th birthday. On the individual's 18th birthday, the HTW EDG case name is updated to the HTW recipient's name.

The new Form H1871, HTW Client Turning 18 Years Old, is sent to notify the parent(s)/legal guardian and HTW recipient that access to the HTW EDG will change. The parent(s)/legal guardian will no longer have access to the individual's HTW case information and the HTW recipient will now be able to manage their own HTW EDG.

Married Minors

Married minors (age 15 through 17) are not eligible for HTW, even if a parent(s)/legal guardian is applying on their behalf. Advisors must deny the application using the new denial reason; "Denied 15-17 married minors."

Forms

The following forms incorporate the program name change and/or policy changes for HTW:

- H1010, Texas Works Application for Assistance – Your Texas Benefits;
- H1010-R, Your Texas Benefits Renewal Form;
- H1027-A, Medicaid Eligibility Verification;
- H1027-B, Medicaid Eligibility Verification;
- H1027-C, Medicaid Eligibility Verification;
- H1027-W, Health Care Eligibility Verification;
- H1830W, Application/Review/Expiration/Appointment Notice;
- H1831, HTW Adjunctive Eligibility Letter;
- H1867, HTW Application;
- H1867-R, HTW Recertification;
- TF0001, Notice of Case Action;
- TF0001W, Notice of Case Action; and
- TF001F, FFCHE Notice of Case Action.

There are two new forms:

- H1871, HTW Client Turning 18 Years Old; and
- H1872, HTW Opting Out and Reporting Confidential Address.

Form H1871, HTW Client Turning 18 Years Old

Form H1871 is automatically generated 10 business days prior to the HTW recipient's 18th birthday. The form will be addressed to the recipient in care of (c/o) the parent/ legal guardian's name and sent to the HTW confidential address, if available. The form notifies the HTW recipient about managing their own HTW benefits and can also be used to provide an HTW confidential address.

Form H1872, HTW Opting Out and Reporting Confidential Address

Form H1872 allows the recipient to provide an HTW confidential address and/or opt out (voluntary withdrawal) from HTW. Form H1872, along with the TF0001W, will only be sent when the TP 40 individual is auto-enrolled into HTW.

Automation

TIERS will trigger an alert to create a Task List Manager (TLM) task that allows the advisor to re-run the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) cascade to determine if the individual is eligible for another Medicaid program or CHIP.

Task Alert 824 Pregnancy Ending Test MAGI will be triggered on the first day of the last month of the Medicaid for Pregnant Women (TP 40) certification period.

- If the woman is not eligible for another Medicaid program or CHIP, she will be auto-enrolled into HTW and referred to the Marketplace.
- If the woman is denied Medicaid or CHIP for failure to provide verification, she will be auto-enrolled into HTW and will not be referred to the Marketplace.

Effective Date

This policy is effective July 1, 2016.

Handbook

The handbook will be updated with the October 2016 revision.

Training

Training on the auto-enrollment of HTW will be available in PALMS the last week of May as a web-based training. A training broadcast will be sent with further details to staff.