

Rapid HIV Testing Survey Due June 19, 2015

Background

The current version of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Volume 1, section C.1.1 states that for routine HIV testing procedure codes 86701, 86702, 86703, and 87389, modifier (92) should be used if the test is performed as a rapid HIV test when submitting a claim. Due to evolving Centers for Disease Control recommendations that HIV screening be considered a routine part of care, providers are increasingly using rapid test kits. Several HIV rapid test kits have been granted waived status under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988, which is supported with a QW modifier. Direction to use the QW modifier is noted in the Clinics and Other Outpatient Facility Services handbook, section 8.2.2

Information Request

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has been made aware that there may be inconsistencies in the way providers associated with managed care organizations (MCOs) are reporting modifiers used to process claims for rapid HIV testing. HHSC is soliciting input as to how your MCO is processing these claims.

In order to better understand how providers are submitting claims for rapid HIV testing, we ask that each MCO complete the online survey by close of business **Friday, June 19, 2015**.

Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/63QCXCT>

Contact Information

Please send concerns or questions to Dwayne Haught at Dwayne.Haught@hhsc.state.tx.us and copy your health plan management team.

Survey Questions

1. When Routine HIV Testing Codes 86701, 86702, 86703, and 87389 are performed as rapid tests using a rapid test kit, do you require providers to use Modifier 92 when submitting claims?
2. Since Routine HIV Testing performed as rapid tests are CLIA waived, do you require providers to use Modifier QW when submitting claims?
3. Do you require both modifiers be submitted on a claim?
4. Please provide any additional information you think would help with correctly coding Routine HIV Testing performed as a rapid test using a rapid test kit.