



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities COVID-19 Updates

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Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

- Many Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities are extended through **April 30, 2022**, unless the federal Public Health Emergency ends sooner.
- Certain flexibilities are extended through **April 30, 2022** to allow for further analysis of clinical appropriateness and cost-effectiveness in accordance with House Bill 4 (HB4).
 - If the federal public health emergency ends sooner than April 30, 2022, HHSC will provide more information.



Medicaid & CHIP Flexibilities Extensions

- As a reminder, a notice was issued on February 28th regarding ending the temporary Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID flexibility allowing rural health clinics to be reimbursed as telemedicine and telehealth distant site providers effective March 31st because this flexibility allowing RHCs to be reimbursed as telemedicine and telehealth distant site providers became permanent effective April 1, 2022.



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Flexibilities Extensions

- Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2022, rural health clinic (RHC) providers performing patient-site telemedicine services may be reimbursed for the facility fee (procedure code Q3014) as an add-on procedure code.
- Distant-site telemedicine and telehealth services provided by RHC providers, as allowed in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, will also become a permanent benefit of Texas Medicaid when submitted with procedure code T1015.

Note: Telemedicine and telehealth services must be billed with modifier 95. Procedure codes that indicate remote delivery (telemedicine medical services or telehealth service) in the description do not need to be billed with modifier 95.



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Flexibilities (cont.)

Information on the flexibilities and extensions can be found on the following webpages:

- **TMHP Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information**
(<http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-HOME.aspx>)
- **HHS Provider (PL) and Information (IL) letters**
(<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers>).
- **HHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Provider Information**
(<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/medicaid-chip-services-information-providers>)



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@hhs.texas.gov



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