

# MCO Notices Extension Updates

Updates made January 26, 2022

## MCO Notices Updated with Extensions Through February 28, 2022

*The following Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through February 28, 2022. If the federal public health emergency ends sooner, HHSC will provide more information. The notice was updated on January 26, 2022 to reflect the new extension date.*

Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
Guidance Regarding Third Party Resources for STAR Health Member	Aug. 24, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance: Temporarily Allow Verbal Consent from Members on Service Plans & Related Forms	June 17, 2020
Updated Guidance: CHIP Office Visit Co-Payments, Updated Reimbursement Process	June 8, 2020
CHIP Office Visit Co-Payments, Updated Reimbursement Process	May 18, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance: Oral Requests for an Appeal	March 26, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance: Fair Hearing Request Extensions	March 26, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance: Fair Hearing Determination Extensions	March 26, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: Appeal and Continuation of Benefit Request Extensions</p> <p><i>The flexibility to extend deadlines that requires a person to request continuation of benefits from 10 days to 30 days ended June 30, 2021. A new notice with updated guidance was posted June 3, 2021 titled "Update to COVID-19 Guidance: Continuation of Benefit Request Extension to End June 30, 2021".</i></p> <p><i>The content in the March 26 notice also lists a flexibility to extend the timeframe to 90 days for a member to request an internal appeal – this flexibility has NOT been determined to end at this time.</i></p>	March 26, 2020
Waiver of CHIP Copayments	March 23, 2020

## MCO Notices Extended Through April 30, 2022

***The following Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through April 30, 2022 to allow for further analysis of clinical appropriateness and cost-effectiveness and opportunity for stakeholder input. If the federal public health emergency ends sooner, HHSC will provide more information.***

Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
Updated Information About Claims for Audio-Visual and Audio-Only Behavioral Health Services	January 18, 2022
Resumption of In Person Assessments & Service Coordination Visits: Assessment Reporting Amendments	July 29, 2021
Resumption of In-Person Assessments & Service Coordination Visits <i>The Sept. 1 effective date in this notice is accurate, and the overall guidance continues to be in effect. For additional guidance, see "Resumption of In Person Assessments &amp; Service Coordination Visits: Assessment Reporting Amendments" posted July 29, 2021.</i>	June 14, 2021
Texas Health Steps Recipient Reminder Letters for Telemedicine Medical Checkups	Jan. 21, 2021
Updated Guidance-Completing Initial Assessments & Reassessments for Expiring Individual Service Plan <i>For updated guidance, see "Updated Guidance-Completing Initial Assessments &amp; Reassessments for Expiring Individual Service Plan" notice published June 14, 2021.</i>	Oct. 27, 2020
STAR+PLUS HCBS Only: Process for Off-Cycle Reassessments	Oct. 27, 2020
STAR Kids MDCP Only: Process for Off-Cycle Reassessments	Oct. 27, 2020
Completing Reassessments for Expiring Individual Service Plans <i>For updated guidance, see "Updated Guidance-Completing Initial Assessments &amp; Reassessments for Expiring Individual Service Plan" notice published Oct. 27, 2020.</i>	Sept. 21, 2020
New Guidance: THSteps Medical Checkups via Remote Delivery During Implementing COVID-19 Restrictions	May 11, 2020
COVID-19: Service-Level Changes Resulting from Telehealth and Telephonic Visits	May 7, 2020
Add Rural Health Clinics as Telehealth and Telemedicine Sites	March 27, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance: Face to Face Visits and Service Coordination/Case Management <i>The flexibility to suspend service coordination requirements for face-to-face visits, offering telehealth or telephonic service coordination instead, when appropriate, ended August 31, 2021. For updated guidance, view the June 14, 2021 notice titled "Resumption of In-Person Assessments &amp; Service Coordination Visits".</i>	March 26, 2020

## MCO Notices with Flexibilities to End or That Have Ended

### Flexibility Ending Feb. 28, 2022

Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
Provider Enrollment Revalidation Extensions to End on February 28, 2022	Nov. 1, 2021
<p>Provider Enrollment Requirement Waivers due to COVID-19</p> <p><i>The flexibility to use the Texas Medicaid Public Health Emergency provider enrollment application in place of the standard provider enrollment application ended July 31, 2021. For more information, view the MCO Notice published in TexConnect on July 15, 2021 titled "Public Health Emergency Enrollment Application Will No Longer be Available for Use".</i></p> <p><i>The content in the April 2, 2020 notice also lists a flexibility to extend revalidation due dates for currently enrolled providers – this flexibility will end Feb. 28, 2022. View the MCO Notice published on Nov. 1, 2021 titled "Provider Enrollment Revalidation Extensions to End on February 28, 2022" for more information.</i></p>	April 2, 2020

### Flexibility Ending Jan. 31, 2022

Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
<p>COVID-19 Guidance for the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) Option</p> <p><i>Effective February 1, 2022, FMSAs can permanently conduct new employer orientation virtually (i.e. audio-visual) in addition to allowing in-person orientations, based on member preference. A new MCO Notice with updated guidance and more detailed information will be posted to TexConnect soon.</i></p>	March 24, 2020
<p>Telehealth for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies</p> <p><i>Interim guidance has been issued for H.B. 4 and this COVID-19 flexibility has ended effective January 31, 2022. For more information, see H.B. 4 Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy Services Delivered by Synchronous Audio-Visual Interim Guidance.</i></p>	March 24, 2020
<p>MCO COVID-19 Guidance: Telehealth for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy</p> <p><i>Interim guidance has been issued for H.B. 4 and this COVID-19 flexibility has ended effective January 31, 2022. For more information, see H.B. 4 Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy Services Delivered by Synchronous Audio-Visual Interim Guidance.</i></p>	April 10, 2020
Claims for Telephone (Audio-Only) Behavioral Health Services	March 20, 2020

*Interim guidance has been issued for some of the flexibilities included in this notice, other flexibilities have been extended through April 30, 2022, and one flexibility is ending February 28, 2022. For more information, see the following notices: Updated Information About Claims for Audio-Visual and Audio-Only Behavioral Health Services and H.B. 4 Behavioral Health Services Delivered by Synchronous Audio-Visual or Telephone (Audio-Only) Interim Guidance.*

**Flexibility Ended Dec. 31, 2021**

<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
Updated COVID-19 Guidance for MCOs regarding Durable Medical Equipment	Oct. 26, 2021
Updated Guidance for MCOs and MMPs Regarding New and Initial Prior Authorizations	Oct. 26, 2021
Guidance for MCOs and MMPs Regarding New and Initial Prior Authorizations	June 29, 2020
COVID-19 Guidance for MCOs regarding Durable Medical Equipment	March 24, 2020

**Flexibility Ended Aug. 31, 2021**

<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
Provider Enrollment Application Waivers to End	Aug. 12, 2021
End of Flexibility: STAR Kids Assessment Extensions	Aug. 5, 2021
<p>Action Needed: Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance: Eligibility, Enrollment, &amp; EPSDT Benefits</p> <p><i>Approved July 22, 2021, all STAR Kids age outs who were extended under the PHE completed their transitions effective August 1, 2021. Individuals ageing out starting in May 2021 are following normal timelines and processes. For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice posted to TexConnect on Aug. 5, 2021 titled "End of Flexibility: STAR Kids Assessment Extensions". The other guidance listed in the notice remains in effect until further information is provided.</i></p>	Feb. 12, 2021
<p>Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance - Age Out Transitions and Waiver Terminations</p> <p><i>Approved July 22, 2021, all STAR Kids age outs who were extended under the PHE completed their transitions effective August 1, 2021. Individuals ageing out starting in May 2021 are following normal timelines and processes. For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice posted to TexConnect on Aug. 5, 2021 titled "End of Flexibility: STAR Kids Assessment Extensions". The other guidance listed in the notice remains in effect until further information is provided.</i></p>	Jan. 29, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: Face to Face Visits and Service Coordination/Case Management</p> <p><i>The flexibility to suspend service coordination requirements for face-to-face visits, offering telehealth or telephonic service coordination instead, when appropriate, ended August 31, 2021. For updated guidance, view the June 14, 2021 notice titled "Resumption of In-Person Assessments &amp; Service Coordination Visits".</i></p>	March 26, 2020

**Flexibility Ended July 31, 2021**

Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
COVID-19 Early Refills and 90-day Supply Information	Aug. 16, 2021
Public Health Emergency Enrollment Application Will No Longer be Available for Use	July 15, 2021
HHSC Reinstates NAP Designations with July 29 PDL Implementation	July 1, 2021
<p>NAP Status Ended on Daily Formulary File for Non-Preferred Drugs Effective April 26</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice published to TexConnect on July 1, 2021 titled "HHSC Reinstates NAP Designations with July 29 PDL Implementation".</i></p>	April 27, 2020
No Signature Required for Prescription Drug Delivery	April 20, 2020
<p>Provider Enrollment Requirement Waivers due to COVID-19</p> <p><i>The flexibility to use the Texas Medicaid Public Health Emergency provider enrollment application in place of the standard provider enrollment application ended July 31, 2021. For more information, view the MCO Notice published in TexConnect on July 15, 2021 titled "Public Health Emergency Enrollment Application Will No Longer be Available for Use".</i></p> <p><i>The content in the April 2, 2020 notice also lists a flexibility to extend revalidation due dates for currently enrolled providers – this flexibility will end Feb. 28, 2022. View the MCO Notice published on Nov. 1, 2021 titled "Provider Enrollment Revalidation Extensions to End on February 28, 2022" for more information.</i></p>	April 2, 2020
<p>Pharmacy Benefit Updates Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice published to TexConnect on Aug. 16, 2021 titled "COVID-19 Early Refills and 90-day Supply Information".</i></p>	March 20, 2020
<b>Flexibility Ended June 30, 2021</b>	
Title of MCO Notice:	Issued On:
Update to COVID-19 Guidance: Continuation of Benefit Request Extension to End June 30, 2021	June 3, 2021
HHSC to Resume Quarterly Specialty Drug List in July 2021	May 17, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: Appeal and Continuation of Benefit Request Extensions</p> <p><i>The flexibility to extend deadlines that requires a person to request continuation of benefits from 10 days to 30 days ended June 30, 2021. A new notice with updated guidance was posted June 3, 2021 titled "Update to COVID-19 Guidance: Continuation of Benefit Request Extension to End June 30, 2021".</i></p> <p><i>The content in the March 26 notice also lists a flexibility to extend the timeframe to 90 days for a member to request an internal appeal – this flexibility has NOT been determined to end at this time.</i></p>	March 26, 2020
Specialty Drug List from Quarter Four (December 2019) Remains in Effect	May 22, 2020

<p>The current SDL will remain in effect until June 30, 2021 or until rescinded. The July 2021 SDL publication will resume and a new notice with updated guidance was posted May 17, 2021 titled "HHSC to Resume Quarterly Specialty Drug List in July 2021".</p>	
<p><b>Flexibility Ended May 10, 2021</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of MCO Notice:</b></p>	<p><b>Issued On:</b></p>
<p>End of COVID-19 MDS Authorization Extensions for Nursing Facility Providers</p>	<p>April 27, 2021</p>
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: Nursing Facility MDS Authorization Extensions <i>For updated guidance, see "End of COVID-19 MDS Authorization Extensions for Nursing Facility Providers" notice posted on April 27, 2021.</i></p>	<p>April 9, 2020</p>
<p><b>Flexibilities Ended December 31, 2020</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of MCO Notice:</b></p>	<p><b>Issued On:</b></p>
<p>Temporary EVV Policies for COVID-19 to end Dec. 31, 2020</p>	<p>Nov. 24, 2020</p>
<p>90-Day Prior Authorization Extensions to End Dec. 31. 2020</p>	<p>Nov. 24, 2020</p>
<p>Post EVV Communications by Oct. 26 <i>For updated guidance, see "Temporary EVV Policies for COVID-19 to end Dec. 31, 2020" notice published on Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Oct. 12, 2020</p>
<p>Post Temporary EVV Policies for COVID-19 by Aug. 20 <i>For updated guidance, see "Temporary EVV Policies for COVID-19 to end Dec. 31, 2020" notice published on Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Aug. 6, 2020</p>
<p>Clarification to Guidance for MCOs and MMPs Regarding Extensions for Existing Prior Authorizations <i>For updated guidance, see "90-Day Prior Authorization Extensions to End Dec. 31. 2020" notice published Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>April 14, 2020</p>
<p>Clarification: Guidance for MCOs and MMPs regarding Extensions for Existing Prior Authorizations <i>For updated guidance, see "90-Day Prior Authorization Extensions to End Dec. 31. 2020" notice published Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>April 3, 2020</p>
<p>Updated: Guidance for MCOs and MMPs regarding Extensions for Existing Prior Authorizations <i>For updated guidance, see "90-Day Prior Authorization Extensions to End Dec. 31. 2020" notice published Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>March 31, 2020</p>
<p>Post Temporary EVV Policies by April 6 <i>For updated guidance, see "Temporary EVV Policies for COVID-19 to end Dec. 31, 2020" notice published on Nov. 24, 2020.</i></p>	<p>March 23, 2020</p>
<p>Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Provider Re-credentialing – COVID-19: Revised Due Date Extensions <i>This notice was not updated as the flexibility ended Dec. 31, 2020.</i></p>	<p>July 16, 2020</p>

<p>Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Provider Re-credentialing – COVID-19</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Provider Re-credentialing – COVID-19: Revised Due Date Extensions" notice published July 16.</i></p>	June 18, 2020
<b>Flexibilities Ended November 30, 2020</b>	
<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
<p>FQHC Reimbursement for Telemedicine (Physician Deliv.) &amp; Telehealth (Non-Physician-Deliv.) Services</p> <p><i>Effective Dec. 1, 2020, FQHCs may be reimbursed as telemedicine and telehealth distant site provider as permanent policy change per S.B. 670, Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019.</i></p>	March 19, 2020
<b>Flexibilities Ended October 23, 2020</b>	
<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
<p>THSteps Medical and Dental Checkups during COVID-19</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the flexibility ended Oct. 23, 2020. For guidance on the flexibility ending, see the notice titled, "THSteps Outreach and Education to Farmworker Children Waiver Ended" published Nov. 12.</i></p>	April 17, 2020
<b>Flexibilities Ended July 31, 2020</b>	
<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
<p>COVID-19: MCO Appeal Determination Extension Reporting</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the flexibility ended July 31, 2020.</i></p>	May 5, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: MCO Appeal Determinations</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the flexibility ended July 31, 2020.</i></p>	March 26, 2020

<b>Information on Other COVID-19 MCO Notices</b>	
<b>Title of MCO Notice:</b>	<b>Issued On:</b>
<p>Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Update</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	Jan. 13, 2022
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Code 0004A is Benefit for Individuals Age 16 and Older</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	Jan. 13, 2022
<p>Update on Reimbursement for Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine, Drug Treatment, &amp; Medical Treatment</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	Jan. 10, 2022
<p>Merck Oral COVID-19 drug, Molnupiravir, Added to Formulary</p>	Jan. 10, 2022

<i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	
Pfizer Oral COVID-19 Drug, Paxlovid, Added to Formulary <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Jan. 3, 2022
COVID-19 at Home Test Kits Available as a Pharmacy Benefit <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 23, 2021
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Age Change and New Formulation <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 20, 2021
DMO Supplemental Outreach Files <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 20, 2021
CHIP Perinatal Members Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 16, 2021
Eligibility Changes for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 16, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Update <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Dec. 6, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes 0071A and 0072A are Now Medicaid and CHIP Benefits <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Nov. 22, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes 0034A and 0064A are Now Medicaid and CHIP Benefits <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Nov. 15, 2021
Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage Update; Comirnaty and Pfizer Age Change <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Nov. 5, 2021
Coverage of COVID-19 Booster Doses of Moderna and Johnson and Johnson Vaccines <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Nov. 5, 2021
Update to COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Administration Codes M0245 and M0246 <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Nov. 1, 2021
COVID Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Administration Codes: Additional Provider Types & Place of Service <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Oct. 28, 2021
Updating Pharmacy Claims Systems for COVID-19 Vaccine Additional Booster Doses <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Oct. 21, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Code 0004A Now a Medicaid Benefit	Oct. 18, 2021



<i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	
Gathering Information Regarding Reinstatement of CHIP Co-payments <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 24, 2021
HHSC Issues Stromectol (ivermectin) Guidance <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 23, 2021
October 2021 MDCP Interest List Release Count by Service Area <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 23, 2021
Pay-for-Quality Program Suspended for Measurement Year 2021 <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 23, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Code M0201 Now a Benefit <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 16, 2021
Update to COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Administration Code M0243 <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 7, 2021
Updating Pharmacy Claim Systems for COVID-19 Vaccine Additional Doses <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 2, 2021
Outreach for Members Denied Supplemental Security Income <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Sept. 2, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0003A and 0013A Are Now Benefits <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Aug. 24, 2021
Amended: MCO Recoupments Related to Temporary EVV COVID-19 Policies <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Aug. 23, 2021
Update to COVID-19 Testing Billing <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Aug. 9, 2021
Unannounced Visit Policy Repealed <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	Aug. 2, 2021
Addition of Procedure Codes M0247, Q0247 and Q0244 Approved for Treatment of COVID-19 Through EAU <i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i>	July 19, 2021

<p>COVID-19 Reimbursement Strategy Update</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	June 24, 2021
<p>Home Health Agencies Will Be Reimbursed for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	June 17, 2021
<p>MCO Recoupments Related to Temporary EVV COVID-19 Policies</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice in TexConnect titled "Amended: MCO Recoupments Related to Temporary EVV COVID-19 Policies" published on Aug. 23, 2021.</i></p>	June 17, 2021
<p>Update to Procedure Code S8301 for Infection Control Supplies</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	June 10, 2021
<p>COVID-19 CHIP Renewals</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	June 7, 2021
<p>CLIA Update: QW Modifier Required for COVID-19 Testing Procedure Code 87636</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	June 1, 2021
<p>Administration of COVID-19 Vaccination for Medicaid Members who are Homebound</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect.</i></p>	May 27, 2021
<p>Directed Payment Programs and COVID-19 Claims</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	May 13, 2021
<p>Medicaid Allows Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Adolescents</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	May 13, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	May 11, 2021
<p>Pfizer National Drug Codes (NDCs) for COVID-19 Vaccine</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	May 10, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Related Processing Delays Resulting in Blank Enrollment Files</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same.</i></p>	May 6, 2021

<p>Proposed COVID-19 Treatment Reimbursement Strategy Update</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>May 3, 2021</p>
<p>Updated COVID-19 Lab Procedure Codes Eligible for Reimbursement to Pharmacists &amp; Pharmacy Providers</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>April 26, 2021</p>
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes for FQHCs and RHCs</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>April 19, 2021</p>
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Rate Change Effective April 1</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>April 1, 2021</p>
<p>STAR Health CANS 2.0 Assessment Available Via Telehealth</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same. As the notice states, the flexibility became a permanent policy effective April 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p>March 29, 2021</p>
<p>Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Procedure Codes Q0245 and M0245 Approved for COVID-19 Treatment</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>March 18, 2021</p>
<p>COVID-19 Test &amp; Diagnostic Reimbursement Strategy Update</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>March 15, 2021</p>
<p>Medicaid Adds Johnson &amp; Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine to Formulary</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>March 9, 2021</p>
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	<p>March 4, 2021</p>
<p>Action Needed: Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance: Eligibility, Enrollment, &amp; EPSDT Benefits</p> <p><i>Approved July 22, 2021, all STAR Kids age outs who were extended under the PHE completed their transitions effective August 1, 2021. Individuals ageing out starting in May 2021 are following normal timelines and processes. For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice posted to TexConnect on Aug. 5, 2021 titled "End of Flexibility: STAR Kids Assessment Extensions". The other guidance listed in the notice remains in effect until further information is provided.</i></p>	<p>Feb. 12, 2021</p>

<p>Suspension of Out-of-Network Limits for COVID-19 Vaccine</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Feb. 11, 2021
<p>Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance - Age Out Transitions and Waiver Terminations</p> <p><i>Approved July 22, 2021, all STAR Kids age outs who were extended under the PHE completed their transitions effective August 1, 2021. Individuals ageing out starting in May 2021 are following normal timelines and processes. For updated guidance, view the MCO Notice posted to TexConnect on Aug. 5, 2021 titled "End of Flexibility: STAR Kids Assessment Extensions". The other guidance listed in the notice remains in effect until further information is provided.</i></p>	Jan. 29, 2021
<p>Suspension of Unannounced Visit Requirement</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Unannounced Visit Policy Repealed" notice posted on Aug. 2, 2021.</i></p>	Jan. 25, 2021
<p>Emergency Extensions for Optometry Provider License Renewals</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Jan. 14, 2021
<p>Approved COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Materials for Providers and Members</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Jan. 11, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Test &amp; Diagnostic Reimbursement Strategy – Update</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded. For additional information, see the notice titled "COVID-19 Test &amp; Diagnostic Reimbursement Strategy Update" published on March 15, 2021."</i></p>	Jan. 11, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine NDC Formulary Update</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Jan. 7, 2021
<p>Additional Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Procedure Codes Approved for COVID-19 Treatment</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Jan. 4, 2021
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage Includes Moderna</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 23, 2020
<p>Coverage of Casirivimab and Imdevimab under Emergency Use Authorization</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 23, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Information</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 21, 2020

<p>COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 21, 2020
<p>Preparing Pharmacy Claim Systems for COVID Vaccines</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 14, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 14, 2020
<p>Addition of Bamlanivimab as Texas Medicaid Benefit</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 14, 2020
<p>Available Resources to Provide Personal Protective Equipment for the CDS Option</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 14, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Codes</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Dec. 10, 2020
<p>STAR+PLUS HCBS Upgrade Process for Members Who Exited a NF Due to COVID-19 Without Services in Place</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Nov. 24, 2020
<p>Emergency Rate Increases for NFs Effective April 1, Extended through End of Federally-approved PHE</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Nov. 19, 2020
<p>New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Procedure Codes for the Introduction of Infusion of Therapeutics</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Nov. 10, 2020
<p>Update: STAR Kids MDCP and STAR+PLUS HCBS Interest List Releases</p> <p><i>STAR+PLUS HCBS interest list releases resumed in Feb. 2021. View the MCO Notice posted on Jan. 21, 2021 titled "February 2021 STAR+PLUS HCBS Interest List Release Counts by Service Area". MDCP interest list release resumed in Oct. 2021. View the MCO Notice posted on Sept. 23, 2021 titled "October 2021 MDCP Interest List Release Count by Service Area".</i></p>	Nov. 10, 2020
<p>Electronic Data Verification Scoring Results</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Nov. 5, 2020
<p>Certain COVID-19 Procedure Codes Implemented Retroactively – Clarification</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Oct. 8, 2020

<p>Aug. 4 MCO Notice Retracted: Updated Information on COVID-19 Medicaid Renewals</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Oct. 6, 2020
<p>New Value Point of Origin for Admission of Visit Code "G," In Use Beginning July 1, 2020</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Oct. 1, 2020
<p>Updated Information: Spell of Illness Limitation and COVID-19</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Sept. 17, 2020
<p>Updated Information: COVID-19 – Spell of Illness Limitation in STAR Health</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Sept. 17, 2020
<p>Certain COVID-19 Procedure Codes Implemented Retroactively</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Certain COVID-19 Procedure Codes Implemented Retroactively - Clarification" posted on Oct. 8. There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Sept. 10, 2020
<p>Emergency Rate Increases for NFs Effective April 1 Extended Through End of Federally-Approved PHE</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Emergency Rate Increases for Nursing Facilities Effective April 1, 2020, Extended through End of Federally-approved PHE" notice published Nov. 19. This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Sept. 2, 2020
<p>Guidance: STAR Health Member's Changing Primary Care Provider During the Public Health Emergency</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Aug. 24, 2020
<p>COVID-19 and Applicability of EPSDT for Some Adults</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Aug. 17, 2020
<p>State Fiscal Year 2020 Texas Health Steps Timely Checkup Reports – Calculations During COVID-19</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated. As it states, timely checkup standards for SFY reinstated starting November 1, 2020.</i></p>	Aug. 13, 2020
<p>Clarification to "Procedure Code Addition and Update for Coronavirus (COVID-19)"</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	Aug. 10, 2020
<p>Procedure Code Addition and Update for COVID-19</p>	July 13, 2020

<p><i>For updated guidance, see "Clarification to "Procedure Code Addition and Update for Coronavirus (COVID-19)" notice published on Aug. 10. There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	
<p>Reprocessing Guidance for COVID-19 Related Claims</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	July 6, 2020
<p>Emergency Rate Increases for the Nursing Facilities Effective Retroactive to April 1, 2020</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Emergency Rate Increases for Nursing Facilities Effective April 1, 2020, Extended through End of Federally-approved PHE" notice published Nov. 19. This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	July 2, 2020
<p>Leveraging Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	June 27, 2020
<p>COVID-19 – Spell of Illness Limitation in STAR Health</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Updated Information: COVID-19 – Spell of Illness Limitation in STAR Health" notice published on Sept. 17.</i></p>	June 4, 2020
<p>Spell of Illness Limitation and COVID-19</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see "Updated Information: Spell of Illness Limitation and COVID-19" notice published on Sept. 17.</i></p>	June 4, 2020
<p>COVID-19 and Applicability of EPSDT for Some Adults in STAR and STAR Health</p> <p><i>This notice was not updated as the extension details remain the same and the guidance is in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	June 2, 2020
<p>Two MCO Notices Retracted: April 3, 2020 MDCP and STAR+PLUS HCBS Interest List Releases</p> <p><i>STAR+PLUS HCBS interest list releases resumed in Feb. 2021. View the MCO Notice posted on Jan. 21, 2021 titled "February 2021 STAR+PLUS HCBS Interest List Release Counts by Service Area". MDCP interest list release resumed in Oct. 2021. View the MCO Notice posted on Sept. 23, 2021 titled "October 2021 MDCP Interest List Release Count by Service Area".</i></p>	May 28, 2020
<p>Service Planning for Pregnant Women During COVID-19</p> <p><i>There is not an end date on this notice and the guidance remains in effect until rescinded.</i></p>	May 22, 2020
<p>Money Follows the Person Process for Nursing Facility Residents</p> <p><i>Effective July 31, 2021, this flexibility is no longer needed as it is allowable under current MFP policy.</i></p>	May 5, 2020
<p>COVID-19 Guidance: STAR Kids Age-Outs that Transitioned on April 1, 2020</p> <p><i>For updated guidance, see the notice titled "Action Needed: Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance: Eligibility, Enrollment, &amp; EPSDT Benefits" posted on Feb. 12, 2021, and the notice titled "Compliance with New CMS COVID-19 Guidance - Age Out Transitions and Waiver Terminations" posted on Jan. 29, 2021.</i></p>	April 23, 2020

COVID-19 Guidance: Amend the GR Process for Services that Exceed the Program Cost Limit

*Effective September 1, 2021, HHSC is permanently allowing desk reviews as the ongoing process and will allow for face-to-face reviews by exception.*

March 26, 2020