

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMISSION
PROVIDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Notice of Adjustments to Fees, Rates or Charges for
Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding
System (HCPCS) Updates Related to Coronavirus
Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

**Adjustments are to be effective
March 15, 2021**

SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS

To Be Effective March 15, 2021

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government code, the Office of the Governor has provided the Texas Health and Human Services Commission a waiver to suspend requirements of Texas Human Resource Code 32.0282 and Title 1, Chapter 355.201(e) and Title 1, Chapter 355.105(g) of the Texas Administrative Code to ensure timely delivery of necessary medical services in relation to the COVID-19 Response. Included in this document is information relating to the adjustments to Medicaid payment rates for Quarterly HCPCS Updates Related to COVID-19. The rates are to be effective March 15, 2021.

As HHSC has received a waiver to Rate Hearing Requirements, there will not be a rate hearing conducted. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

Provider Finance for Acute Care Services
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
E-mail: PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov

Background

HHSC is responsible for the reimbursement determination functions for the Texas Medicaid Program. Rates are calculated utilizing established methodologies that conform to the Social Security Act and related federal regulations, the federally approved Texas Medicaid State Plan, all applicable state statutes and rules, and other requirements. HHSC reviews the Medicaid reimbursement rates for all acute care services every two years. These biennial reviews result in rates that are increased, decreased, or remain the same. The reviews are conducted to ensure that rates continue to be based on established rate methodologies.

Methodology

The specific administrative rules that govern the establishment of the fees in this proposal include these rules in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code:

- §355.8085, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for

physicians and other practitioners; and

- §355.8441, which addresses the reimbursement methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services (known in Texas as Texas Health Steps).

Proposed Rate Adjustments

A summary of the methodologies used to determine the fee-for-service Medicaid rates is listed below:

- Procedure codes and descriptions used in the Texas Medicaid Program are national standard code sets as required by federal laws; Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- A review of the Medicare rate for the same or similar services.

Specific payment rate adjustments are listed in the attachments outlined below:

Att 1- COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (effective 3/15/2021)

Effective for Duration of Disaster

Rates as presented in this packet are proposed to be effective for the duration of the declared state of disaster stemming from COVID-19. Following the conclusion of the state of disaster, these rates will be reevaluated and potentially repriced according to HHSC methodology.

Written Comments

Written comments regarding the payment rate adjustments in the packet may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance Department at (512) 730-7475; or by e-mail to PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov. In addition, written comments will be accepted by overnight mail to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400, 4601 Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas 78714-9030.

This public rate packet presents payment rates adopted and is on the HHSC website at <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>. Provider and public notification about adoption decisions are published on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at <http://www.tmhp.com> in banner messages, bulletins, notices, and updates to the Texas Medicaid fee schedules. The fee schedules are available in static files or online lookup at <http://public.tmhp.com/FeeSchedules>.

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TOS*	Procedure Code	Long Description	Age Range	3/11/2021 - 3/14/2021		3/15/2021		Percent Change from Current Medicaid Fee
				Current Medicaid Fee	Current Adjusted Medicaid Fee	Medicaid Fee	Adjusted Medicaid Fee	
W	D1701	Pfizer-biontech covid-19 vaccine administration - first dose	12-999	\$16.94	\$16.94	\$40.00	\$40.00	136.13%
W	D1702	Pfizer-biontech covid-19 vaccine administration - second dose	12-999	\$28.39	\$28.39	\$40.00	\$40.00	40.89%
W	D1703	Moderna covid-19 vaccine administration - first dose	18-999	\$16.94	\$16.94	\$40.00	\$40.00	136.13%
W	D1704	Moderna covid-19 vaccine administration - second dose	18-999	\$28.39	\$28.39	\$40.00	\$40.00	40.89%
W	D1707	Janssen covid-19 vaccine administration	18-999	\$28.39	\$28.39	\$40.00	\$40.00	40.89%

*Type of Service (TOS)	
W	THSTEPS Dental/ Orthodontia

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