



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Albert Hawkins
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

June 5, 2007

Dear Provider,

Please help us to inform clients about a significant change coming soon in the delivery of personal care services (PCS) to children. Effective September 1, 2007, Medicaid clients who are younger than 21 years of age and require assistance with any of the activities outlined herein may be eligible for PCS through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The services are for Medicaid clients younger than 21 years of age who require assistance with activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, or health-related functions because of a physical, cognitive, or behavioral limitation related to their disability, physical or mental illness, or chronic condition.

Medicaid-eligible clients who are 21 years of age or older will continue to receive personal attendant services through the Primary Home Care (PHC) program at the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). Clients who will reach their twenty-first birthday on or before February 29, 2008 will be given an option to remain in PHC to prevent any potential gap in services that may occur due to a transition between programs in a short time period. PHC providers will be contacted directly by DADS, between September 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008, regarding clients that have chosen to remain at DADS.

You can help us deliver PCS to Medicaid clients by enrolling in the Texas Medicaid program through the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP). If you are a licensed home health agency currently enrolled as a Medicaid provider, you can provide services under your existing home health Texas Provider Identifier (TPI). If you are not an enrolled provider, you must have one of the following DADS licenses.

- Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
- Licensed Home Health Services (LHHS)
- Licensed and Certified Home Health Services (LCHHS)

Beginning June 1, 2007, we will accept your enrollment application.

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Existing PHC authorizations granted through DADS will be transferred to TMHP for service beginning September 1, 2007. If you are already enrolled in Medicaid, you need to identify the Medicaid provider number to which you wish to have PCS authorizations transferred. This will be used for claims filing and payment purposes. Please complete the enclosed Authorization Transfer Request form, and mail or fax this form to TMHP after July 2, 2007. This is a temporary fax number set up exclusively for this purpose. It should not be used to submit Prior Authorization Requests for other services. Upon receipt of the completed Authorization Transfer Request form, TMHP will issue a new authorization number, which will be mailed to you.

Providers not enrolled with TMHP as Medicaid providers who wish to continue serving Medicaid clients younger than 21, must complete an enrollment application and obtain a TPI for billing purposes. After receiving a TPI, the provider must complete the enclosed Authorization Transfer Request form, and mail or fax it to TMHP after July 2, 2007. After receiving the completed Authorization Transfer Request form, TMHP will issue a new authorization number, which will be mailed to the provider.

If you need assistance or if you have any questions, please call 1-800-925-9126. After the greeting, select option "2", then select option "3" for Provider Enrollment.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

Chris Traylor

Associate Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP

Coming Soon!

A special Texas Medicaid Bulletin that will provide you with more details and information about this benefit will be mailed to all Texas Medicaid providers. It will also be available on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com, in July 2007.

TMHP is offering free educational workshops for all providers in the month of August 2007. These workshops are scheduled in different Texas cities from August 7, 2007 through August 22, 2007. Registration requirements and specific city locations can be found on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

Important Resources for You:

- The Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application is available on the TMHP website, at www.tmhp.com, under the heading **Provider Forms** located on the right side of the home page. Choose the link for *Provider Enrollment Forms*.
 - Note:** When completing the enrollment application, providers enrolling exclusively for PCS must include the following information:
 - In the “Traditional Services” section on page 2, select “Home Health.”
 - In “SECTION A – Provider of Service” on page 7.1, under “Primary Specialty” enter “Personal Care Services.”

- DADS licensing information is available at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/HCSSA/howto.html>. This website includes information on how to become a licensed Home and Community Support Services Agency (HCSSA). The application is available at this site, and instructions are available on how to complete it and where to mail it.
 - If you need a hard copy mailed to you, call (512) 438-2633. DADS will not mail applications to prospective owners.
 - Computer-based training (CBT) is required before an application may be submitted. Information on the CBT is available at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/hcssa/cbt/>

National Provider Identifier information is available at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>



TMHP Primary Home Care/Personal Care Services Authorization Transfer Request

P. O. Box 200735

Austin, TX 78720-0735

Submit information by FAX: 1-512- 257-7518 (Do not use this fax number to submit PA Requests)

Current Provider Contract Number	Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) (Full 9-digits)	Client Medicaid Identification Number	Medicaid Client Name (Please Print)

Contact's Name *(Printed)*

Signature

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Telephone Number *(Include Area Code)*

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Fax Number *(Include Area Code)*