

All MCOs & DMOs: Extending CHIP and CHIP-P Coverage during COVID-19

Background:

In response to COVID-19, HHSC is extending Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage and CHIP Perinatal (CHIP-P) coverage for newborns.

HHSC is providing this notice to MCOs and DMOs as a summary of actions taken for CHIP and CHIP Perinatal members during COVID-19.

Actions Taken in April and May 2020:

CHIP:

Individuals with CHIP certification periods ending in:

- April 2020 were extended until July 2020
- May 2020 were extended until August 2020

CHIP Perinatal:

CHIP Perinatal coverage for the mother will still end on the last day of the month the pregnancy ends. CHIP Perinatal newborns whose mothers received emergency Medicaid coverage for labor and delivery will still be enrolled in Medicaid. CHIP Perinatal coverage for newborns living in families with income above the Medicaid income limit, has been extended as follows:

- April 2020 was extended until July 2020
- May 2020 was extended until August 2020

For CHIP and CHIP Perinatal:

These CHIP and CHIP Perinatal extensions shall apply only when there is no information presented to HHSC during that period indicating that the individual is no longer eligible.

MCOs and DMOs will continue to receive these extended individuals on the *Monthly P834 Enrollment File*.

HHSC will assess the need for further CHIP and CHIP Perinatal eligibility extensions as appropriate.

Processes for MCOs and DMOs to Confirm Eligibility and Escalate Issues:

- MCOs and DMOs may send file issues related to COVID-19 to:
MCO_Enrollment_Broker@hhsc.state.tx.us.

- An escalation process was developed to streamline access to care issues. Refer to notice on TexConnect, "COVID-19 – Access to Care Enrollment Verification Escalation Process for MCOs" posted on April 16, 2020.

Additional Information:

COVID-19 information related to CHIP and CHIP Perinatal coverage is listed on the attached resource, "COVID-19 CHIP and CHIP-P Coverage Information as of May 13, 2020." The attached list is subject to change and only includes information available from the date of this notice.

Resources:

COVID-19 CHIP and CHIP-P Coverage Information as of May 13, 2020 (Attached)

Contact:

PES_COVID-19@hpsc.state.tx.us

COVID-19: CHIP and CHIP-P Coverage Information as of May 13, 2020		
Title of Notice:	Posted on:	Source:
<u>COVID-19 Policy Updates #7:</u> <i>Extending Children’s Health Insurance Program(CHIP) & CHIP Perinatal(CHIP-P) Coverage</i>	April 27, 2020	Texas Works Policy Bulletins
<u>COVID-19 Policy Updates #6</u> <i>Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)</i>	April 22, 2020	Texas Works Policy Bulletins
COVID-19 - Access to Care Enrollment Verification Escalation Process for MCOs	April 16, 2020	TexConnect
<u>COVID-19 Policy Updates #5</u> <i>Economic Impact Payments</i>	April 14, 2020	Texas Works Policy Bulletins
<u>COVID-19 Policy Updates #3</u> <i>Maintaining Medicaid Coverage</i> <i>Processing Case Actions for Medical Programs</i>	April 7, 2020	Texas Works Policy Bulletins
<u>COVID-19 Policy Updates #1</u> <i>Processing Case Actions for Medical Programs</i>	March 23, 2020	Texas Works Policy Bulletins