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Services Not Covered in the Texas Medicaid State Plan

Background:

As part of the implementation of Texas Government Code § 533.005(g), as adopted by Senate Bill (SB) 1177(86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019), HHSC is reminding Texas Medicaid MCOs of the processes available to cover services not included in the Texas Medicaid State Plan.

The below and attached guidance is intended to provide clarity on the definitions and operationalization of these types of services.

Key Details:

In some cases, Texas Medicaid MCOs cover services that are not included in the Medicaid State Plan. For example, Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOPs) and Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) are not Medicaid State Plan services but may be covered under managed care through specific processes.

Allowable coverage of services not included in the Texas Medicaid State Plan fall into specific categories:

- Services covered due to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)

- In-lieu-of services

- Case-by-case services

- Value-added services

- Medically necessary Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) covered outpatient drugs not yet on the Texas Medicaid formulary

- Durable medical equipment (DME) covered under the Home Health DME and Supplies

- Exceptional Circumstances provision

See the attached guidance for more information about these coverage categories.

Additional Information:

Further, as part of the implementation of SB 1177, HHSC is evaluating additional evidence-based behavioral health services for cost-effectiveness to be offered in-lieu-of existing state plan services when medically appropriate. Texas Medicaid anticipates that 2021 managed care contracts will reflect updated in-lieu-of service offerings.

Resources:

Services Not Covered Under Texas Medicaid State Plan (Attached)

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Attachment: Services Not Covered Under Texas Medicaid State Plan.pdf

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