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**CHIP VACCINE UPDATES – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

**Summary of Notification:**

HHSC has completed a comprehensive review of vaccine-related services. To align with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, HHSC is updating its policy for vaccines and vaccine administration covered by CHIP under Physician/ Physician Extender Professional Services. CHIP MCOs must provide all medically necessary, covered services to eligible members.

**Key Details:**

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2022, vaccine and vaccine administration benefits will change for Texas CHIP.

The following vaccines and administration of these vaccines will become benefits for nephrology providers in the office setting and nephrology providers and renal dialysis facilities in the outpatient hospital setting. However, FQHC providers will no longer be reimbursed for these services rendered in the home setting.

- Hepatitis B immune globulin
- Hepatitis B vaccine for immunocompromised/dialysis patients
- Influenza vaccine
- Pneumococcal vaccine

**Influenza**

The following places of service and provider types will no longer be reimbursed for influenza vaccine administration:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Comprehensive Health Center (CHC), Family Planning Clinic
Home	Certified Nurse Midwife, Registered Nurse, Licensed Midwife
Outpatient Hospital	Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Physician, Physician Group, Certified Nurse Midwife, Registered Nurse, Licensed Midwife, Birthing Center, CHC
Other Locations	Certified Nurse Midwife, Registered Nurse, Licensed Midwife, CHC, Family Planning Clinic

## Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

The following places of services and provider types will no longer be reimbursed for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis and rabies vaccines:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Rural Health Clinic – Freestanding/Independent and Rural Health Clinic – Hospital Based
Home	Rural Health Clinic – Freestanding/Independent
Outpatient Hospital	Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Physician, Clinic/Group Practice, Rural Health Clinic – Freestanding/Independent and Rural Health Clinic – Hospital Based
Other Locations	Rural Health Clinic – Freestanding/Independent and Rural Health Clinic – Hospital Based

## Meningococcal Vaccine

Meningococcal vaccine may now be reimbursed to Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) providers for services rendered in the office, home, and other settings.

## Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) Vaccine

The following places of service and provider types may now be reimbursed for BCG vaccine:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Certified Nurse Midwife, Registered Nurse, Licensed Midwife, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP)
Home	Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Physician, Physician Group, CCP
Other Locations	Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Physician, Physician Group, CCP

## Resources:

View the MCO Notice posted to TexConnect on July 25, 2022 titled “Benefit Criteria to Change for Vaccine Services Effective September 1, 2022”.