SPECIALIST PROVIDER TRAINING Thursday, November 21st 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Topics

- STAR+PLUS
 (New Line of Business for EPH)
- Provider Web Portal
- Transportation/NEMT
- Fraud, Waste & Abuse
- Complaints & Appeal Process
- Prior Authorization Tool/Catalog
- Case Management Programs
- Claims

Lunch will be provided.

Participation giveaways and a chance to win door prizes and gift cards will be available!

Please make sure to RSVP.

https://www.elpasohealth.com/prtraining/

If you have any questions, please call our Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778.

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PROVIDER SPECIALTY TRAINING

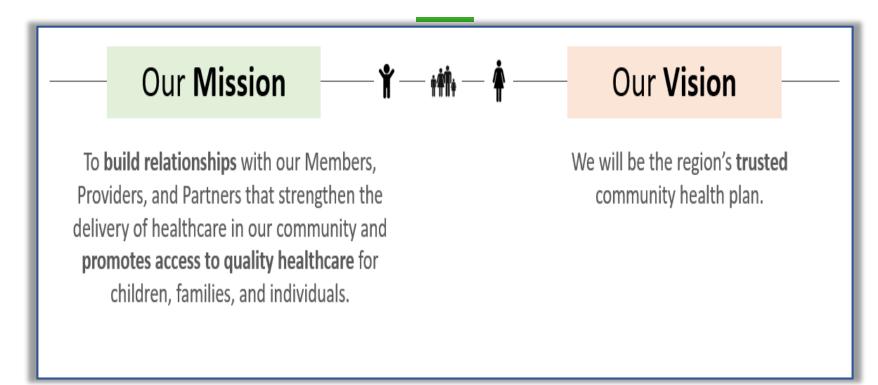
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- STAR+PLUS <u>Updates</u>
- Provider Relations <u>Updates and Reminders</u>
- Quality Improvement <u>Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement</u> <u>Program & Initiatives</u>
- Health Services <u>Health Services Updates</u>
- Complaints and Appeals <u>Reminders</u>
- Special Investigations Unit <u>SIU Process</u>
- Member Services <u>Updates and Reminders</u>
- C.A.R.E Solutions & Health Equity <u>Provider Partnerships</u>
- Claims <u>Reminders</u>



We Are El Paso Health



El Paso Health has been an established and trusted health plan for over 20 years.

We understand El Paso and far West Texas, because this is our **Community**. We take pride in providing quality healthcare **for El Pasoans by El Pasoans**.

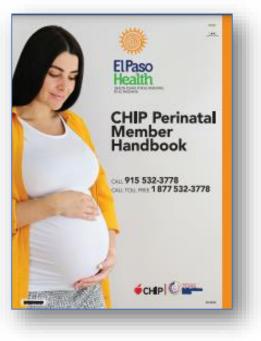
WE ARE YOUR LOCAL STAR, CHIP, STAR+PLUS, and Medicare Advantage PLAN!!



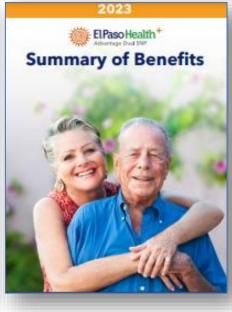
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STAR+PLUS

STAR+PLUS

STAR+PLUS is a Texas Medicaid-managed care program for adults who have disabilities or are age 65 or older.

The STAR+PLUS program provides basic health care services, such as:

- Acute Care (Doctor Visits for Medicaid only; dually eligible Members have their acute care through Medicare) and
- Long-Term Services and Supports
 - Helping in your home with daily activities
 - Home modifications
 - Respite (short-term supervision)
 - Personal assistance.

Members, their families and providers work together to coordinate members' healthcare, long-term care and community support services.

Service coordination is a main component of the STAR+PLUS program. A service coordinator works with the member, the member's family, the member's doctors and other providers to help the member get the medical and long-term services and support they need.







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Provider Relations Updates & Reminders

Provider Directories

HHSC performs random audits to ensure accuracy of our Provider Directories

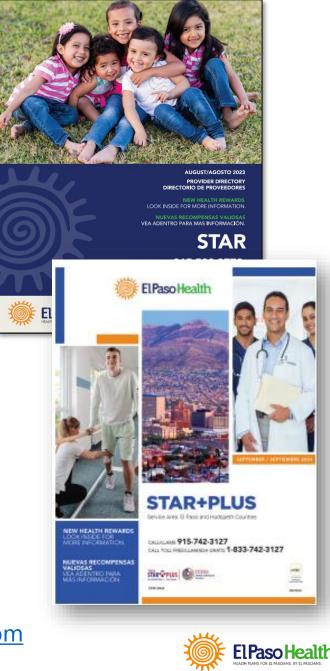
An internal review is done by our Provider Relations Department on a monthly basis The following elements are reviewed and updated as necessary:

- provider name
- phone and fax number
- address
- program participation
- languages spoken
- age limitations
- new patient restrictions
- hours and days of operation

Updates and discrepancies may be corrected using the **Provider Demographic Form**

Provider Directories are available in the following formats:

- Print Available for pick up at our office or mailed
- <u>Online</u> PDF version
- Interactive <u>Provider Search</u> Available on our website at <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u>



Demographic Form

Providers must notify El Paso Health Contracting and Credentialing or Provider Relations of any changes to their practice, to include:

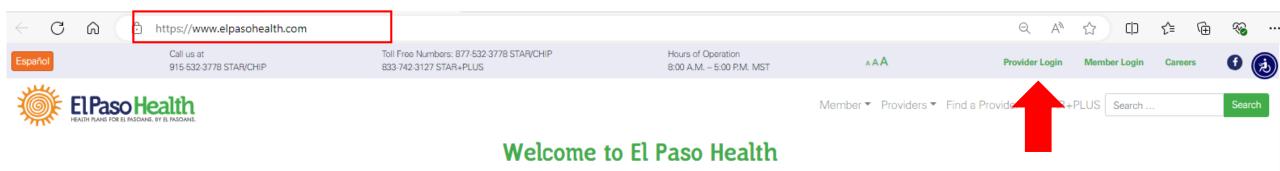
- Any demographic changes
- Closing or opening panels
- Practice name change or acquisitions
- New providers joining the group or leaving group
- Closing a practice location or adding a new practice location
- Modifying practice hours or changing limitations
- Update on phone number/fax number

What forms do I need to send and where:

 Submit <u>Demographic Form</u> and <u>W-9</u> by email to: <u>Contracting Dept@elpasohealth.com</u>

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Tax ID:	Group NPI:	0.00p 11 1	
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Taxonomy number(s):			PROVIDER DEMOGRAPHIC FORM
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Primary Practice Address:			Established Only Age Range:
City, State, ZIP:		Office Hours/Days:	Female Only None Other:
Phone:	Fax:		iversity training? 🗆 Yes 🛛 No
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*Please provide CLIA numbers for	each location.		ssibility requirements? 🗆 Yes 💷 No
Secondary Location:		City, State, ZIP:	
Office Hours/Days:		Phone: Fax:	
CLIA Number:		CLIA Type:	Tax ID:
Third Location:		City, State, ZIP:	nary Contact Address:
Office Hours/Days:		Phone: Fax:	
CLIA Number:		CLIA Type:	all credentialing contact information.
Fourth Location:		City, State, ZIP:	
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We are your local, non-profit health plan serving El Paso and Hudspeth counties. Our team of bilingual professionals is dedicated to helping our members and providers.

Attention – News Update:

El Paso Health (EPH) STAR+PLUS Continuity of Care Transition Process for EPH Members

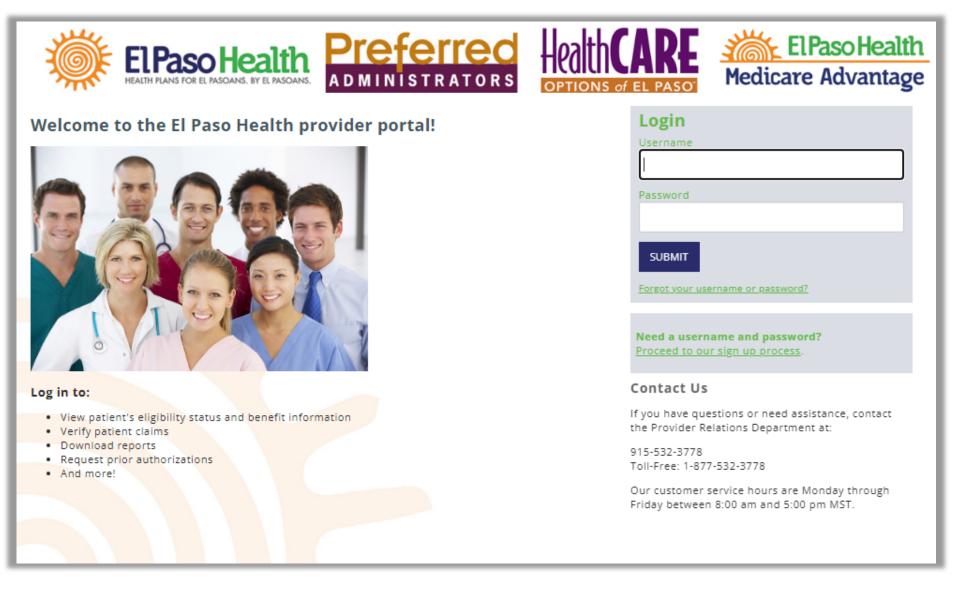




El Paso Health's 2023 Annual Report is Here

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Provider Portal



We're Here to Help!

If assistance is needed creating a portal account please reach out to the Provider Relations Team.

providerservicesdg@elpasohealth.com



EPH Provider Portal

User Account Role



Choose the appropriate option from the drop down list.

Admin Role - The same access as a standard user with the addition of reviewing provider specific reporting such as claim remittance advice.

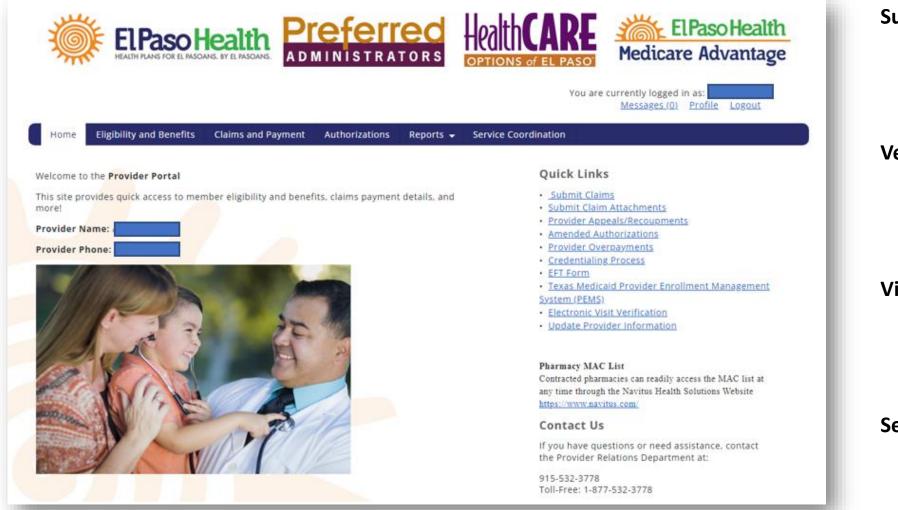
Standard User - Access to look up member eligibility, look up and submit authorizations, and review provider claims.

Star+Plus or Medicare Advantage User - Access to look up member eligibility, look up and submit authorizations, access Optum, and review provider claims.





EPH Provider Portal - Home Page



Submit:

- Claims
- Authorizations
- Provider Complaints

Verify:

- Member Eligibility
- Claim Status
- Authorization Status

View:

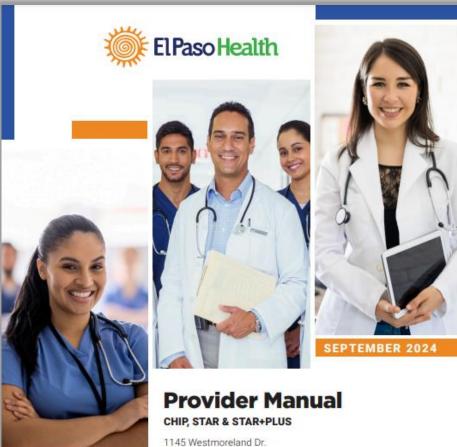
- Remittance Advice
- Rosters
- Other Reports

Service Coordination

- Care Plan
- Assessments
- Quality Measure Performance



El Paso Health Provider Manual



1145 Westmoreland Dr. El Paso, TX 79925 STAR/CHIP Program 1-877-532-3778 Toll Free www.elpasohealth.com

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STAR+PLUS Program 1-833-742-3127 Toll Free

Service Area: El Paso and Hudspeth Counties (CHIP Programs, STAR Medicaid & STAR+PLUS)



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The El Paso Health Provider Manual contains information about:

- Policies and Procedures
- Covered services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Quality Improvement Program
- Utilization Management
- Claims Processing Guidelines

Our <u>Provider Manual</u> can be found on our website at <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u> in the <u>Provider</u> section.

You may also access the Provider Manual directly at: <u>http://www.elpasohealth.com/pdf/providermanual.pdf</u>





El Paso Health is encouraging electronic forms of communication. The following items are currently available via electronic platforms:

Web Portal:

- Electronic Claims Submission
- Upload appeals
- Prior authorization submissions and amendments
- Direct Payments (ACH)
 - EPH EFT Form
- Remittance Advice (RA) Reports
 - ERA Enrollment Form





Continuity of Care (STAR+PLUS): Transitioning Members

Authorizations (In-Network)

For Members who transition to El Paso Health will continue authorizations of current services in the same amount, duration, and scope for the shortest period of one of the following:

- 1. Up to six months after the date the Member transfers to El Paso Health
- 2. Until the El Paso Health Service Coordinators complete all required assessments, develops a SP or ISP, and issues new authorizations.

Service Plans

Members' existing SP or ISP must remain in place until El Paso Health Service Coordinators contact the member or the Member's authorized representative to schedule an assessment and determine if changes to the ISP or needed



Continuity of Care: Transitioning Members (STAR+PLUS) (OON Providers)

Providers (Out-of-Network)

El Paso Health will continue authorizations of current services in the same amount, duration, and scope for the shortest period of one of the following:

- 1. Members continue to see their current providers, even if they are outside of the health plan's network
- 2. If a Member request to stay with their current provider who is Out-of-Network (OON), the MCO may seek to obtain a single-case-agreement, OON authorization or similar arrangement with the provider to ensure continuity of care
- 3. El Paso Health will continue to pay a member's existing **OON provider** for covered services for up to:
 - 90 days for acute care
 - Six months for LTSS
 - Nine months for a member who has been diagnosed with and is receiving treatment for a terminal illness

Member Moves Out of Service Area

EPH requests that the Member contact us if they move or change their address or phone number, even if these changes are temporary. If a Member moves out of the service area, they may no longer be eligible



Pharmacy Benefit Manager

Navitus Health Solutions is El Paso Health's Pharmacy Benefit Manager for our STAR, CHIP, and CHIP Perinate and STAR+PLUS plans. Providers (prescribers and pharmacies) may contact the Navitus Provider Hotline for questions regarding any of the following:

- Prior Authorizations
- Mail Order/Specialty Pharmacy services
- Point of Sale (POS) Claims processing
- Contracting and Credentialing

Navitus Provider Hotline 1-877-908-6023

Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)

www.navitus.com





72-Hour Emergency Prescriptions

72-hour emergency overrides for prescriptions apply to:

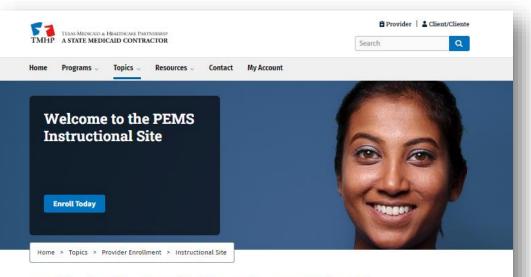
- non-preferred drugs
- drugs that are subject to clinical prior authorization
- 72-hour emergency supply allows the pharmacy to dispense a three day supply of medication to allow the prescriber time to submit a Prior Authorization (PA) request.
 - If the prescribing provider cannot be reached or is unable to request a PA, the pharmacy can submit an emergency 72-hour supply override.
- Pharmacies will be paid in full for 72-hour emergency prescription claims, with no cost to the member.
- Pharmacies may refer to the <u>Pharmacy Provider Procedure Manual</u> for additional information and requirements.







Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS)



Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS)

Last updated on 1/15/2022

A Step-by-Step Guide

These pages will guide you through the process of enrolling as a provider using TMHP's Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) tool. Additional helpful resources are available on the <u>Enrollment Help page</u> and the <u>TMHP YouTube channel</u>s.

To begin, please select the type of application you will be completing. The Application Type you select will determine how TMHP processes your application.

Select an option below for a description of each application type:

New Enrollment	~
Existing Enrollment	~
Revalidation	~
Reenrollment	~
Maintenance	~

Utilize PEMS system for the following:

- New Enrollment
- Existing Enrollment
- Revalidation
- Re-enrollment
- Maintenance update demographic information

Log into PEMS account on a monthly basis to ensure accuracy of provider information.

Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) | TMHP



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Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program & Initiatives

Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program

- Pay for Quality (P4Q) 3% Premium at Risk
- HEDIS Hybrid Medical Chart Reviews
- Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)
- Quality Improvement Committee (QIC)
 - Adverse Events
 - Mortalities
 - Provider and Member Quality of Complaints
- Operations Improvement Committee (OIC)

- HHSC Deliverables
 - Quality Assessment and Performance
 Improvement Evaluation
 - Administrative Interview Tool
 - Provider Appointment Accessibility and Availability Surveys
- Medical Chart Reviews and Provider Education
- Provider Profiling and Data Analysis



Accessibility and Availability

- Regulatory mandate Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) and Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Accessibility: appointment available within a specific time frame (calendar days)
- Monitoring Efforts

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- State-wide secret shopper calls (Senate bill 760)
- EPH surveys by PR and QI Nurses
- ✓ Please keep Provider Directories updated!
 - Specialty Routine Care must be provided within 21 Days

Provider Contract Requirement:

• Participation in Quality Improvement initiatives and activities. This includes access and availability surveys.





HEDIS Season! Get Ready!

- Requests will go out January February
 - Provider Portal
 - Fax or secure email via PR Representative
- NCQA Deadline to STOP reviews is May 2, 2025
- Submission Options

Electronic Options

- 1. FTP
- 2. QI Fax
- *3.* Secure Email if you have that option
- 4. Load to CD/Thumb-drive and arrange for pick up or drop off

Paper Options

1. Print records and arrange for pick up, mail, or drop off

YES, we do request records from SPECIALSTS! Every record counts!





Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes, Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Include most recent blood pressure (goal <140/90)
- Include B/P taken by member with any digital device for remote monitoring
- If initial BP reading is 140/90 or higher, repeat BP. May take multiple BP readings on same day. When reporting these - take lowest systolic and lowest diastolic reading as the representative BP reading on this visit.

HEDIS measures you may be asked for!

Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes

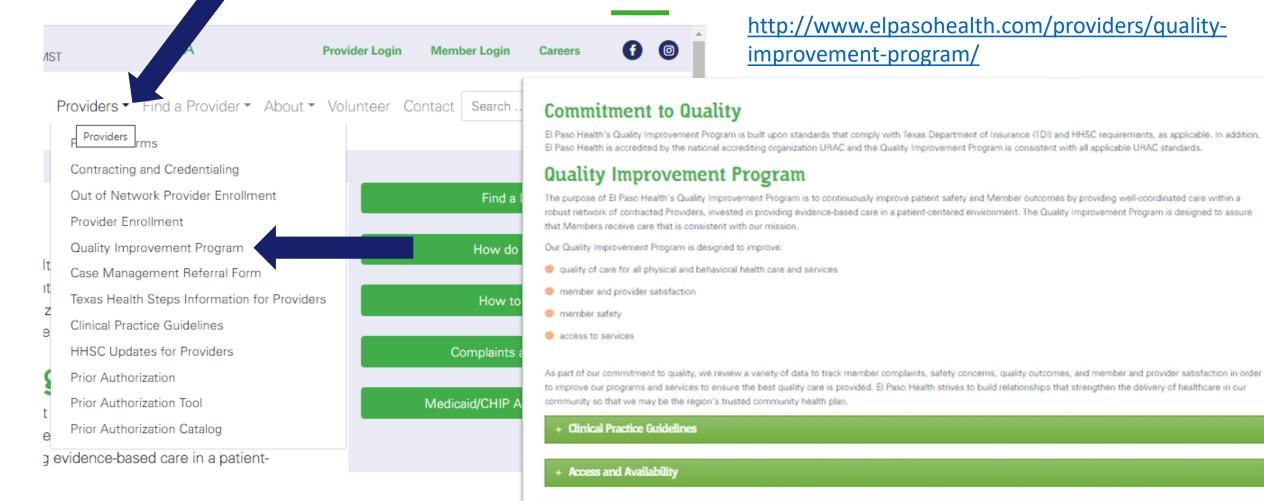
- Include most recent HbA1c level (goal <8%)
- Ranges & thresholds do not meet criteria. A distinct numeric result is required.
- Re-check glycemic HbA1c later in the year if it is high.

You may not diagnose and treat the patient's diabetes or hypertension BUT, you likely do take their blood pressure and may even order lab work that may include HbA1c.

PLEASE do not disregard these HEDIS requests! PLEASE submit any records you have! PLEASE respond to the request even if it is just to report that you do not have records to submit



Resources on Website



HEDIS Measure Tip Sheets

+ HEDIS Hybrid

+ Texas Health Steps

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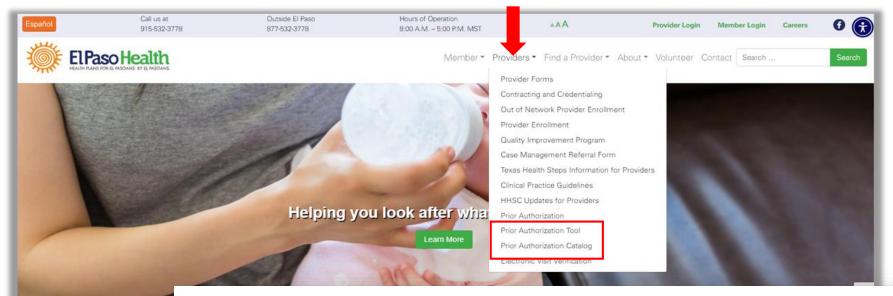
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Health Services Updates

Prior Authorization Catalog

El Paso Health has developed the Prior Authorization Catalog to help providers determine if a CPT code requires authorization for our STAR and CHIP programs and what supporting documentation you might need.

Prior Authorization Catalog may be found on our website at <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u> in the Providers tab.





Prior Authorization Requirements STAR, CHIP and CHIP Perinatal

SERVICE CATEGORY

MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES

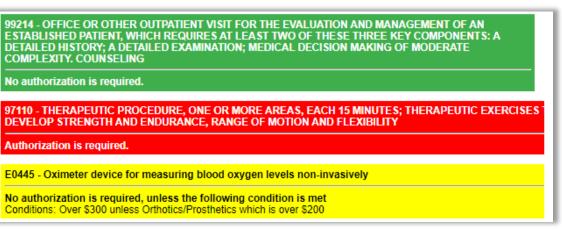
PROCEDURE	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS	DOCUMENTATION	COVERED BENEFITS	EFFECTIVE DATE	LAST REVIEW DATE
A4283	CAP FOR BREAST PUMP BOTTLE, REPLACEMENT	NO AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED - UNLESS CONDITION OVER \$300, RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATION MAY APPLY PER THE TEXAS MEDICAID PROVIDER PROCEDURE MANUAL	TEXAS STANDARD PA REQUEST FORM FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES, TITLE XIX FORM (FOR MEDICAID ONLY), PHYSICIAN ORDER, CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION RELEVANT TO DIAGNOSIS/TREATMENT.	STAR, CHIP, CHIP PERINATAL (NB)	09/01/2020	08/01/2021
A4284	BREAST SHIELD AND SPLASH PROTECTOR FOR USE WITH BREAST PUMP,	NO AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED - UNLESS CONDITION OVER \$300, RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATION MAY APPLY PER THE TEXAS MEDICAID PROVIDER PROCEDURE MANUAL	TEXAS STANDARD PA REQUEST FORM FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES, TITLE XIX FORM (FOR MEDICAID ONL'Y), PHYSICIAN ORDER, CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION RELEVANT TO DIAGNOSIS/TREATMENT.	STAR, CHIP, CHIP PERINATAL (NB)	09/01/2020	08/01/2021

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Prior Authorization Tool

- All questions on the table must be answered in order to be able to search for CPT codes.
 - A 'yes' answer to any of the questions will automatically require a prior authorization.
 - Answering 'no' to all questions on the table will prompt the CPT code search query.
- Enter your CPT code and click Search to determine if prior authorization is required for that specific code.
- Providers may search up to four CPT codes at a time.

Types of Services	Yes	No
Are services being provided by an out-of-network Provider?	0	۲
s the member being admitted to an inpatient facility?	0	۲
s the member receiving oral surgery services?	0	۲
s the member receiving plastic and reconstructive surgeon services?	0	۲
s the member receiving venous surgical procedures/services?	0	۲



Prior Authorization Tool and Catalog may be found on our website at <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u> in the Providers tab



Authorization Requests & Hours of Operation

EPH is required to accept requests using various methods:

- Electronic Provider Web Portal
- Fax
 - Outpatient (915)298-7866
 - LTSS (915) 225-3541
- Walk-In/Mail
- Telephonic
 - 915-532-3778 or toll-free 888-532-3778

Authorization are accepted during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm (MST).



Essential information

- Fax: Authorizations created approximately 1 hour from time frame of received via fax
- Provider Portal (HEALTHX): Authorizations import approximately 1 hour from time frame after submission
- Verbal: Authorization are not complete until clinicals are submitted and can be reviewed
- Walk In: Authorization scanned and entered 1 hour from time frame received from receptionist

Essential information required to complete Standard Prior Auth request regardless of method received

Member NameMember DOBRendering Provider NameRendering Provider NPIRequesting Provider NameRequesting Provider NPIServices requested (CPT/HCPCS)Start & End Dates (DOS)Units*



*Not for surgical procedures

Turnaround Times

What are the turnaround times?

Day received is day zero, turn around time does not begin until next **business** day

- Standard request 3 business days
- Expedited request 24 hours
- Retrospective request 30 days (start date is 5 business days past date received)

* When requesting additional information, turn around time can be extended up to 14 calendar days

Member and Provider will receive notification of extension for requesting additional information.

Provider will receive fax.

Member will receive letter in mail.



Peer to Peer Reviews



- Peer to peer reviews are offered prior to an Adverse
 Determination via fax notification.
- Peer to Peer Reviews can only be held Physician to Physician
- The ordering Physician has 24 hours to schedule a peer to peer review for services



Out of Network Providers



Providers not enrolled in Texas Medicaid are ineligible for reimbursement for services rendered to a member participating in the STAR program.

Providers are subject to non-participating provider authorization and reimbursement guidelines.

Continuity of Care

Newly enrolled members whose health or behavioral condition has been under treatment or whose health could be jeopardized if care is disrupted will be allowed access to OON providers up to a certain period of time in order to ensure continuity of care.

El Paso Health will authorize out-of-network/out-of-area services for continuity of care, quality care and services medically necessary that are not available in El Paso Health provider network







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Case Management

Case Management Program

We are dedicated to promoting the highest quality care available and provide our members with:

- Resources to enhance health education.
- Pregnancy planning.
- Health promotion.
- Education for reproductive age women and adolescents.
- Comprehensive assessments.
- Service Coordination and collaboration with our valued providers.

Our members are encouraged to:

- Discuss available services in detail.
- Obtain education about how to access emergency services, OB/GYN, and specialty care.

Providers may refer members by submitting the <u>Case Management Referral Form</u> found on our website at <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u>.





CASE MANAGEMENT/SERVICE COOR	DINA	TION REFERRAL FORM			
To: El Paso Health ATTN: Case Management Phone: (915) 532-3778 ext. 1500 Fax: 915-298-7866		FROM: (Physician's Office Name) OFFICE CONTACT PERSON: FAX NUMBER: TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
Member Name:	Medic	aid/CHIP ID #:	DOB:		
Member Contact Number:	Memb	er Address:			
REASON FOR REFERRAL (check all that apply a	nd add	comments when applicable):			
HIGH RISK PREGNANCY					
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH					
ASTHMA					
HEART DISEASE					
DIABETES					
SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (individuals who have a behavioral/medical c	onditio	n that is expected to last more than 12	2 months)		
SOCIAL WORK/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH					
OBESITY					
	PRESEN	ITING CONCERN:			
Assistance locating covered services					
Coordination of care					
Non-compliance with treatment plan					
Assistance obtaining durable medical equipment/medical supplies (i.e. nebulizer, peak flow meter)					
Patient education (i.e. symptom management, self-management strategies, diabetes education)					
Assistance accessing treatment for behavioral health diagnosis					
Social concerns (i.e. SDOH), please specify concern(s):					
High risk pregnancy, please specify condition/concern: Access to community resources (i.e. support/advocacy groups, basic needs)					
Positive Maternal Depression Screening					

Case Management Referrals

Case Management Programs:

- Behavioral Health Case Management
- Disease Management
- OB-Case Management
- Medical Case Management
- Medicare-DSNP Service Coordination
- Complex Medical Case Management

Case managers/Service Coordinators can help:

- Coordinate services with Members' PCP and other community providers or agencies
- Teach Members how to be active participants in their medical care
- Educate Members on their condition and medication
- Identify the needs and strengths of the Member and their family

www.elpasohealth.com/pdf/CaseManagementReferralForm.pdf

Form must be faxed to 915-298-7866, attention: Case Management



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Vianka Sanchez

Director of Health Services Phone Number: 915-298-7198 ext.1135







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Provider Appeal Process

Submission Requirements

Letter explaining your reason for appeal

Include any supporting information, Example:

- Copy of Remittance Advice
- Medical records (if necessary)
- Proof of Timely Filing
- Any Pertinent Information for Review



Levels of Provider Appeals

Level 1

- Acknowledgment Letter w/in 5 business days
- Resolution Letter w/in 30 calendar days
 - Don't agree with outcome?

Level 2

- Acknowledgment Letter w/in 5 business days
- Resolution Letter w/in 30 calendar days.
 - Provider Appeals Process has been <u>Exhausted</u>
 - Don't agree with outcome?

Submit a Complaint to:

- HHSC (STAR)
- TDI (CHIP & Preferred Administrators-EPCH)



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Maggie Rios

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Complaints and Appeals Department

(915) 532-3778 fax: (915) 298-7866





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Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

SIU Team Purpose

Texas requires all Managed Care Organizations like El Paso Health to establish a plan to prevent and detect Waste, Abuse, and Fraud (WAF).

This plan is carried out by El Paso Health's Special Investigations Unit (SIU).

El Paso Health SIU Team conducts monthly audits of our network providers and members.

We will request Medical records for review to prevent FWA in accordance with Texas Administrative Code.





What We Look For

When we are auditing claims we identify several factors which include:

- Documentation
 - $\,\circ\,$ It is important to document time in and out.
- Coding
 - $\circ\,$ Append the correct required modifiers.
- Authorizations
 - \circ When required, ensure authorization is obtained prior to the services being rendered.
- Frequency
 - $\,\circ\,$ Confirm the authorization has not been exhausted.



Medical Records Request

We will send providers the request for medical records as follows:

- 1st request faxed with a 4 week deadline.
- If no response within 2 weeks, 2nd request faxed and provider is called.
 - \circ $\,$ Given same deadline date as the first request.
- If no response within 1 week, final request faxed and contact with provider is made.
 - Same deadline date as first request.

Please make sure you and/or your Third Party Biller handle a records request with urgency.

Extension may be granted but **must be requested in writing before the Records Request due date. (email is ok)**

Failure to submit records results in an automatic recoupment that is not appealable.









Date

[Provider Name] [Provider Mailing Address] [Provider City, State Zip Code]

RE:	Request for Medical Records – <u>Time Sensitive Response Due</u>
Plan:	El Paso Health
Request ID Number:	[Case ID Number]
Department:	SIU
Member:	Please see member list at the end of letter
Response Due:	[Due date] (30 calendar days for first attempt)

Dear [Provider],

Please accept this as a request for medical records/documentation for the enclosed member(s). The submission of these records will support El Paso Health, with its operational responsibility of oversight of participating partners. Failure to submit records will result in an automatic recoupment that is not appealable.

El Paso Health and any Payor shall have access to Physician's office during normal business hours on request, to inspect, review, and make copies of such records. Physician shall provide, at Physician's expense, copies of such records to authorized representatives of local, State, or Federal regulatory agencies.

El Paso Health as a Payor, is a Covered Entity as defined by HIPAA, and all past and current members are provided with a HIPAA Privacy Notice upon enrollment, therefore, Protected Health Information (PHI) may be released to a Covered Entity without a release from the member/patient for treatment, payment or health care operations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Please adhere to the following directions when photocopying, packaging, and mailing the requested records:

1) Complete copies should include specific records to support the services provided. Send complete records to support the claims billed for each member. It may include but not be limited to the following:

- Physician orders / notes
- Nurse/ attendant notes
- Consultant and other medical reports
- Prior authorization requests and approvals*
- Prescribing records and medication history logs
- DME orders
- Health assessment, plan of care*
- Agreement for services, orientation documentation for attendants, supervisory visit/s*
- Supervision logs, documentation of supervisory visits

Medical Records Request Letter Sample





Please keep in mind that **HHSC Office of Inspector General (OIG)** and **Office of Attorney General (OAG)** conduct their own independent audits.

- EPH is not involved with these audits.
- Make sure you check the letterhead to see who is requesting medical records.







Methods to Submit Medical Records

Fax: 915-225-1170

Email: <a>amacias@elpasohealth.com or <a>JHerrera2@elpasohealth.com

Pick Up: -Contact your EPH Provider Relations Rep or the SIU Department to schedule a pick up





Missing Medical Records

It is important to send the entire medical record as requested.

When submitting records, if any detail is left out, the entire claim may be recouped for insufficient documentation.

Some examples include:

- Omitted In/Out Times
- Initial Evaluations
- Medical History



When records are submitted providers will sign an attestation to the number of pages included.

After attestation signature, additional records will not be accepted.



Closing the Review

Providers office will be notified of the audit findings once the review is completed.

You have the right to dispute/appeal the findings within 30 days of notification.

- The dispute/appeal will be handled by the SIU team.
 - The review of appeal for the Audit is not handled by the Complaints & Appeals Department or any other department at El Paso Health and should be sent to:

El Paso Health Plan C/O SIU Department P.O. Box 971100 El Paso, TX 79997

• You may not dispute claims for which you did not provide any documentation.

After 30 days or the appeal review, EPH will begin recoupments via claims adjustments unless the provider requests to send a check or set up a payment plan.





SIU Contact Information

Vanessa Berrios, Director of Compliance (915) 298-7198 ext.1040 <u>vberrios@elpasohealth.com</u>

> Alina Macias, SIU Claims Auditor (915) 298-7198 ext. 1108 <u>amacias@elpasohealth.com</u>

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When in doubt, reach out!

Waste, Fraud, Abuse Hotline: (866) 356-8395





THE HEALTH PLANS OF EL PASO FIRST

Member Services Department

Behavioral Health Crisis Line

El Paso Health offers STAR and CHIP members a crisis line for assistance with behavioral health.

- Crisis Line staff is bilingual
- Interpreter services are available, if needed
- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

STAR1-877-377-6147CHIP1-877-377-6184STAR+PLUS1-877-377-2950



Nurse Line (FirstCall)

FIRSTCALL Medical Advice Infoline



What is the FIRSTCALL Medical Advice Infoline?

FIRSTCALL Medical Advice Infoline is for El Paso Health Members, provided at no-cost. When you call FIRSTCALL, you will receive immediate information to take care of your medical or health concerns.

Who can call?

STAR, STAR+PLUS, CHIP, and CHIP Perinatal Members of El Paso Health or their care-givers.

When can I call?

You can call anytime. The FIRSTCALL Medical Advice Infoline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Who will answer my call?

Your call will be answered by a nurse or pharmacist. The information is available in English or Spanish. Interpreter and TTY services are available.

How does it work?

When you call FIRSTCALL Medical Advice Infoline, you will speak to a healthcare professional who will ask you basic questions, such as, "Why are you calling? What is your medical condition? What medications are you taking?" Depending on your answers, the healthcare professional will be able to assist you and provide you with the appropriate advice.

Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) Services

Access2Care, an El Paso Health Partner, may be able to help STAR members with Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) to Medicaid Services, to include:

- Public transportation
- o A taxi or van service
- Money to purchase gas
- o Commercial transit

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- To request transportation, members must call Access2Care at 1-844-572-8196 (STAR &CHIP members) or 1-855-584-3530 (STAR+PLUS members).

Access2Care

- Arrangements must be made at least two days before appointment or five days before is appointment is outside the county.
- Phones are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) Services, cont.

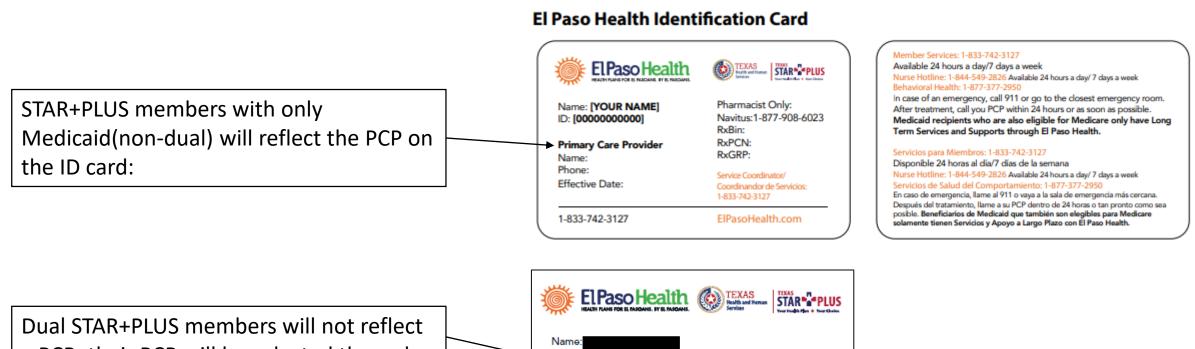
Members must include the following when calling Access2Care:

- Address and phone number where appointment will take place with exact date & time.
- Name of the physician they will be seeing.
- Address and phone number of where they need to be picked up and can be reached.
- Arrangements must be made by the assigned Case Name.
- Provide details of what they will need. (Lodging, meal assistance, gas reimbursement etc.)

**If the member does not call within the set timeframes, they will be directed back to the Plan and it will delay the arrangements.



STAR+PLUS ID cards



Service Coordinator/

1-833-742-3127

1-833-742-3127

Coordinandor de Servicios:

<u>т</u>,

Pharmacist Only:

RxBin: 610602 RxPCN: MCD RXGRP: EPH

Navitus:1-877-908-6023

ElPasoHealth.com

ID:

a PCP; their PCP will be selected through their Medicare plan.

Healthy Rewards / STAR/CHIP Value Added <u>Services</u>



http://www.elpasohealth.com/vas.html

Healthy Rewards (STAR+PLUS) Value Added Services

https://www.elpasohealth.com/starplus/documents/EPHSP-VAS-comparative-chart-ENGSPAN.pdf

	aso Health STAR+PLUS e Added Services 2024	At Ho Medicaid Only		Nursing Fa Medicaid Only	Dual
	Help Getting a Ride A free ride service to help you get to appointments, health education classes, non-medical drivers of health locations, or Member Advisory Group meetings that are not covered under the NEMT benefit.	~	~	N/A	N/A
\$	Dental Services Dual eligible members receive up to \$2,000 each year for dental check-ups, x-rays, cleanings, filling and simple tooth extractions for members 21 and older for STAR+PLUS non+ICBS waiver members. Medicaid only members receive up to \$500 each year for dental check-ups, x-rays, and cleanings (no extractions) for members 21 and older.	\$600 allowance	\$2,000 allowance	\$600 allowance	\$2,000
93	Extra Vision Services Medicaid only members get \$150 allowance every two years to be used on one pair of eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses and get one routine eye exam every two years. Dual eligible members receive a \$300 yearly allowance and get one routine eye exam per year.	\$150 biernial allowance	\$300 annuai allowance	\$150 biennial allowance	\$300 annual allowance
L	Extra Foot Doctor (Podiatry) Services Additional routine foot doctor (podiatry) visits each year.	N/A	V 12 visits	√ 4 visits	V 12 visits
<u>a</u>	Discount Pharmacy / Over-the-Counter Benefits Up to \$140 once a year: \$35 gift card every three months for over-the-counter medicines and other medical or health-related supplies not covered by Medicaid, upon request.	~	~	N/A	N/A
(Temporary Phone Help EI Paso Health Members ages 18 years and older eligible for the Federal Lifeline Program is offered at no cost to the member the exclusive EI Paso Health Unlimited Plan that includes: An Android Smartphone, Unlimited Calling, Unlimited Text, Unlimited Data.	~	~	~	~
ë.	Emergency Response Services (ERS) Emergency response services for STAR+PLUS non-HCBS waiver members age 21 and older.	✓	~	N/A	N/A
Ì	Home Visits Up to an extra 40 hours respite services for STAR+PLUS non-HCBS waiver members age 21 and older.	~	~	N/A	N/A

Restrictions and limitations may apply

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El Paso Health STAR+PLUS			At Home		Nursing Facilities	
Valu	e Added Services 2024	Medicaid Only	Dual	Medicaid Only	Dual	
Ø	Extra Hearing Services Hearing aid allowance limited to \$2,000 every year.	N/A	✓	N/A	\checkmark	
٣	Healthy Eats Program Diabetic STAR+PLUS Non-HCBS waiver members can participate in the Healthy Eats Program and receive a \$50 gift card each quarter to obtain nutritious food.	~	~	\checkmark	N/A	
	Delivered Meals Receive up to 14 healthy meals delivered to their home after being discharged from a hospital or nursing facility for STAR+PLUS non-HCBS waiver members 21 and older.	~	~	N/A	N/A	
Ê	Meal Planning Four additional nutritional counseling/meal planning services for diabetic STAR+PLUS non-HCBS waiver members 21 and older.			N/A	N/A	
方	Health Get Fit Program or a Home Fitness Kit STAR+PLUS Non-HCBS waiver members have a choice of the El Paso Health Get Fit Program at the YMCA or a home fitness kit, or both.	N/A	~	N/A	~	
	Care Kit Receive a free personal blanket, skid proof socks, an accessory tote bag, and a large print digital clock.	N/A	N/A	N/A	~	
æ	Gift Programs Members are eligible to receive a \$25 gift card as a Thank You from El Paso Health for completing the following Preventative Screenings:	✓	✓	\checkmark	~	
\$25 gift card for members after completing an annual wellness exam each year.						
	+\$25 gift card for members that get an annual flu shot and COV	/ID-19 vacci	ne.			
-\$25 gift card for members who have a follow-up doctor visit within 30 days of getting out of the hospital once a year.						
+\$25 gift card for members after completing an HbA1c blood test each year.						
+\$25 gift card for members after completing a diabetic eye exam each year.						
	 \$25 gift card for female members ages 21-64 who get a record once every three years. 	mmended o	ervical ca	incer screenir	19	
•\$25 gift card for members that complete a doctor follow-up visit within 30 days of hospital discharge for a mental illness condition. Limit one gift card every 30 days.						
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Cultural Competency

Cultural Competency Training

El Paso Health facilitates provider orientation sessions to promote our Cultural Competency Plan to educate network Providers about culturally competent services. This education assists in avoiding disparities in the delivery of medical services to the diverse populations of the El Paso SDA. El Paso Health's Cultural Competency Plan is available to El Paso Health Network Providers in written form, when requested. Our Provider Manual includes a section on cultural competency and we have also provided a Training video for you.

Click on the links below to review the Cultural Competency Training and fill out the online form for attestation of completion.

- <u>Cultural Competency Annual Training Presentation- pdf version</u>
- <u>Cultural Competency Annual Training Presentation</u> video

Medical Provider/Group Name*	Tax ID*
Phone* format:9151231234	Email*
Form Completed By*	Position Title*
Date*	

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Training Confirmation*

□ The Provider Cultural Competency Training has been completed by the Provider Group above.

Submit

*These fields MUST be filled out to register.

El Paso Health believes in the importance of providing services in the language of choice for our members. We recognize the importance of clear communication with your patients and committed to assisting you through interpreter services.

Cultural Competency Training is available to our providers on our website <u>www.elpasohealth.com</u> in the <u>Providers Tab</u> under Provider Quality Information.

You can also directly access our Cultural Competency Training at the link below:

https://www.elpasohealth.com/cultural-competency-training/





Prohibitions on Balance Billing

Members cannot be held liable for any balance related to covered services.

Network Providers and Out-of-Network Providers are prohibited from billing or collecting any amount from a Member for covered services.

According to Section 1.6.10, Billing Clients from Provider Enrollment and Responsibilities from the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual: Vol.1:

'Providers cannot bill nor take recourse against eligible clients.'





Third Party Liability-Medicaid Managed Care Provider Requirements

Third Party Liability – Medicaid Managed Care Provider Requirements

 The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Office of Inspector General-Third Party Recoveries division (OIG-TPR) has recently seen a high number of escalations due to a Medicaid provider refusing to see a Medicaid Member because the Medicaid Member has other health insurance.

- Providers who participate in Texas Medicaid may not refuse services to eligible Medicaid Members due to potential other health insurance coverage. Additionally, providers are reminded that Medicaid-eligible Members cannot be held responsible for charges exceeding a third-party liability (TPL) payment for services covered by Texas Medicaid.
- If the TPL pays less than the Medicaid managed care amount, providers should submit a claim to the Texas Medicaid MCO for any additional allowable reimbursement.



Benefit Limitations and Exclusions

Some covered services may have limitations or require a prior authorization.

There are certain services that are excluded from the covered benefits for STAR and CHIP members. Examples of exclusions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Elective surgery to correct vision
- Prostate and mammography screening
- Immunizations solely for travel
- Custodial care
- Personal comfort items (e.g./ telephone, newborn infant photographs)
- Elective abortions
- Gastric procedures for weight loss
- Cosmetic surgery (solely cosmetic purposes)
- Contraceptive medication (Family Planning for CHIP only)
- Over-the-counter medications





Contact Information

- STAR & CHIP: 915-532-3778 or toll-free 1-877-532-3778
- STAR+PLUS: 1-833-742-3127

Please listen to all options and select the appropriate prompt.



Contact Information

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Member Services Manager (915) 532-3778 ext. 1055





THE HEALTH PLANS OF EL PASO FIRST

C.A.R.E. Solutions and Health Equity

EPH is part of the Community Partner Program

In an effort to assist our members with their Medicaid/CHIP re-enrollments, El Paso Health applied with HHSC to become a Community Partner Program site. Several of our employees underwent certification and training to become Case Assistance Navigators. This allows us to assist with the application process.

If you have EPH members inquiring about their coverage or renewals, feel free to direct them to call us or visit our website to make an appointment. We have designated appointment dates and times throughout the week dedicated to assisting with this process.

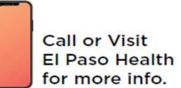
WILL YOUR MEDICAID BENEFITS END SOON?!

El Paso Health can help update your account and maintain or transition your plan!

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

EPHM6452301





915.532.3778 toll free 1.877.532.3778

www.elpasohealth.com/MakeAnAppointment



Health Equity Unit

According to CMS, Health Equity means the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, where everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, preferred language, or other factors that affect access to care and health outcome.

El Paso Health is committed to eliminating barriers to improve and maintain our member's health. The implementation of the Health Equity Unit to address **Non-Medical Drivers of Health (NMDOH)** also commonly known as **Social Determinants of Health,** will help us identify disparities related to the following:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Utilities
- Food
- Education
- Income/Job
- Environment and Safety



NMDoH and Z-Codes

- Addressing NMDoH is a critical factor in reducing health care disparities.
- Providers can assist and support patients facing social challenges by:
 - inquiring about their social history,
 - providing guidance, and
 - referring them to support services, including referrals to El Paso Health.
- El Paso Health encourages the documentation of patient/member social needs identified during the appointment or assessment.
- El Paso Health encourages the submission of appropriate ICD10 z-codes when NMDoH needs are identified.
- Clinical Practice Guideline (List of Z codes)

http://www.elpasohealth.com/pdf/Social%20Determinants%20of%20Health%20Clinical%20Practice%20Guid eline.pdf





Please take this survey!

We want to understand YOUR process for

assessing and assisting members with Non-Medical Drivers of Health.





C.A.R.E. Solutions Department

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Claims Reminders

Electronic Payer Identifications

Availity / TPS Payer Identifications			
El Paso First Health Plans Premier Plan STAR Medicaid HMO	EPF02		
El Paso First Health STAR+PLUS	EPF02		
El Paso First Health CHIP	EPF03		
El Paso First Health Plan HCO Healthcare Options EPF37			
Preferred Administrators (UMC) EPF10			
Preferred Administrators Children's Hospital (EPCH)	EPF11		
El Paso Health Advantage Dual SNP	EPF07		

Timely Filing Reminder

STAR, CHIP, CHIP Perinate, STAR+PLUS				
First Time Claims	95 Days from Date of Service			
Corrected Claims	120 Days from Previous Claim Paid Date			



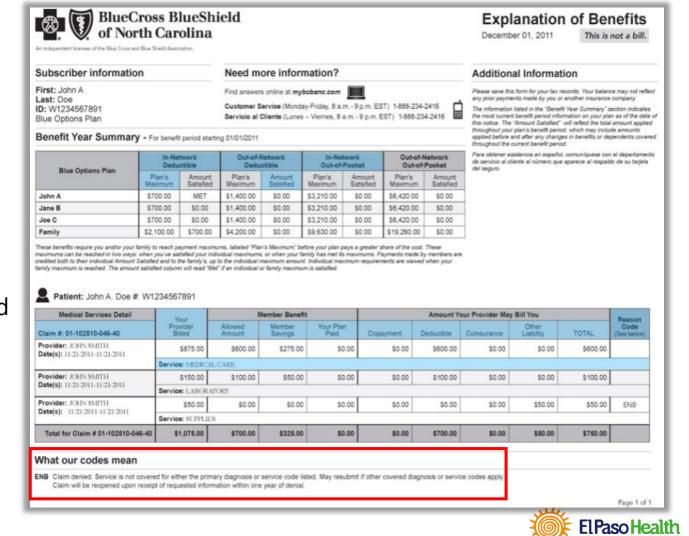
Coordination of Benefits

Providers are required to meet all Primary Insurance billing requirements prior to billing secondary insurance.

- El Paso Health will not process as a primary carrier if the services qualify for coverage through a primary insurance, unless:
 - Services have not been allowed or were denied by the primary carrier

The remittance advice of the primary carrier should clearly reflect the denial.

Note: Under federal rules, Medicaid agencies must be the payer of last resort.



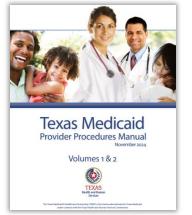
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Claim Resources & Reminders

Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual - The Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual is updated on a

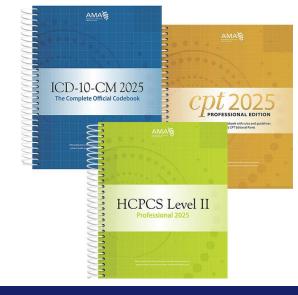
monthly basis, and is available in both PDF and HTML formats.

- Includes Billing Guidelines for Medicaid Services
- Authorization Requirements
- Diagnosis Limitations
- Benefit Limitations



Remember to Code to the highest degree of Specificity. Chronic conditions should be coded as Primary.

- ICD-10 Books
- HCPCS Books
- CPT Books





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